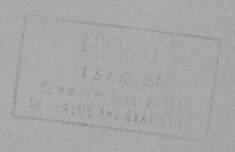
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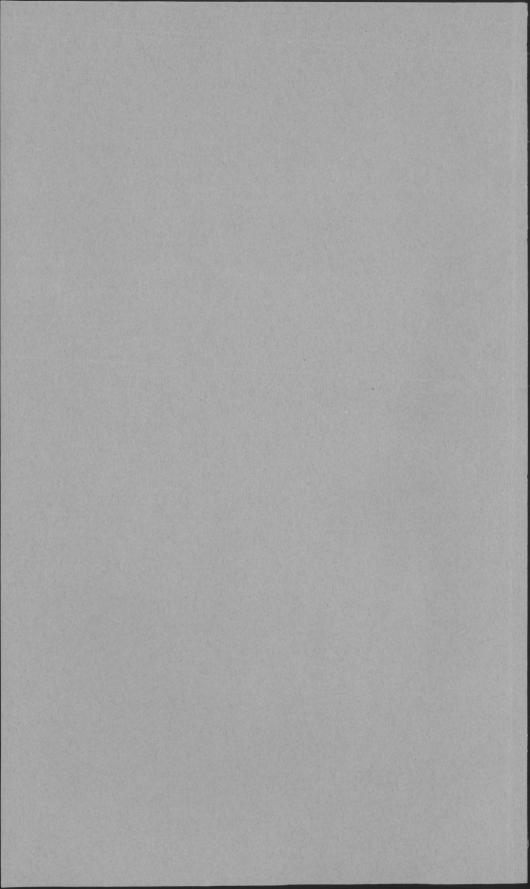
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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics. AREA AND POPULATION.

		Population (Excluding full-blood Aboriginals).									
State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Census-	-30th June	, 1954.(a)	Estimate-	-31st Decer	mber, 1955.	Capital Cities,			
N C M		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	30th June, 1955.			
N.S.W.	309,433	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,770,966	1,754,957	3,525,923	1,897,710			
Victoria								b1,595,300			
Q'land	670,500			1,318,259	692,920		1,350,684				
S. Aust.	380,070	403,903	393,191	797,094	423,413	411,222	834,635	497,000			
W. Aust.	975,920	330,358	309,413	639,771	345,487	325,263	670,750	359,000			
Tasmania	26,215	157,129	151,623	308,752	165,994	159,807	325,801				
N. Terr.	523,620	10,288	6,181	16,469	10,345	6,662	17,007				
A.C.T.	939	16,229	14,086	30,315	17,746	15,724					
Australia	2,974,581	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	4.714.929	4.598.362	9.313.291	5.009,460			

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia
				Ат 30	TH JUNE.				
1939 1952 1953 1954 <i>a</i> 1955	2,748,393 3,339,455 3,383,792 3,423,529 3,490,331	1,878,480 2,344,491 2,395,254 2,452,341 2,523,018	1,018,007 1,259,478 1,291,410 1,318,259 1,344,572	596,563 755,053 775,781 797,094 819,549	470,044 599,858 620,547 639,771 658,538	237,419 296,299 304,080 308,752 314,679	6,281 15,464 15,853 16,469 17,580	12,567 26,360 28,645 30,315 32,424	6,967, 754 8,636,458 8,815,362 8,986,530 9,200,691
				AT 31ST	DECEMBER				
1938 1952 1953 1954 1955	2,737,191 3,367,986 3,409,009 3,462,313 3,525,923	1,871,099 2,366,719 2,416,035 2,480,877 2,555,021	1,005,523 1,271,256 1,298,420 1,322,752 1,350,684	595,842 768,570 785,665 808,243 834,635	466,684 612,935 631,743 649,415 670,750	242,119 309,558 316,465 319,511 325,801	5,730 14,771 15,635 16,140 17,007	11,721 27,774 29,714 31,144 33,470	6,935,909 8,739,569 8,902,686 9,090,395 9,313,291

⁽a) Final Census results.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
				YEAR END	ED 30TH JU	UNE.			
1939 1952 1953 1954 1955	2,735,400 3,311,840 3,366,358 3,405,414 3,459,538	1,872,287 2,309,708 2,372,366 2,422,839 2,488,115	1,008,207 1,239,868 1,272,244 1,300,464 1,325,336	595,131 743,310 766,538 785,981 807,501	466,896 589,887 611,191 630,705 648,930	237,637 293,340 302,529 309,416 312,987	5,932 15,131 15,241 15,930 16,536	11,965 25,545 27,721 29,595 31,249	6,933,455 8,528,629 8,734,188 8,900,344 9,090,192
			YE	AR ENDED	31ST DECE	EMBER.			
1938 1952 1953 1954 1955	2,722,378 3,341,476 3.386,556 3,428,488 3,492,385	1,865,251 2,343,610 2,395,851 2,453,458 2,526,275	1,001,996 1,255,896 1,287,231 1,313,055 1,338,995	593,242 755,042 776,355 796,361 820,143	463,808 600,615 621,034 640,140 658,747	236,328 298,361 306,318 311,128 316,153	5,804 15,087 15,534 16,214 17,040	11,534 26,570 28,724 30,383 32,412	6,900,341 8,636,657 8,817,603 8,989,227 9,202,150

⁽a) Final Count. (b) 31st December, 1955.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.

State or Territ	ory.		1951.	1952.	1953	1954.	1955.
NA.	TURAL I	NCREASE (Excess of 1	BIRTHS OVER	DEATHS).		
New South Wales			40,137	42.158	43.183	40.681	41.854
Victoria			27,107	30.416	30.911	32,106	33,809
Queensland			18,547	19,782	19,776	19,832	21,045
South Australia			10,279	10.834	11,194	11.048	10,958
Western Australia			9,506	10,204	10,790	10,564	11,244
Tasmania			4,790	5,337	5,185	5,074	5,600
Northern Territory			290	359	344	407	396
Australian Capital Territor	у		854	963	664	739	735
Australia			111,510	120,053	122,047	120,451	125,641
RECORDED NET INTERST	ATE AND	OVERSEA	MIGRATION	(Excess o	F ARRIVALS	S OVER DEPA	RTURES).
New South Wales			41.010	18.043	4,578	15,977	21,756
Victoria			33,498	35.053	16,346	31,764	40,335
Queensland			12.418	11.310	5,480	3,544	6,88
South Australia			7,547	10.865	2.791	9,968	15.434
Western Australia			8,425	12.677	8.258	7,228	10,091
Tasmania			7,827	3,604	2,888	- 1,448	690
Northern Territory			105	- 2	718	201	47
Australian Capital Territor	у		603	2,482	1.838	973	1,591
Australia			111,433	94,032	42,897	68,207	97,25
		To	TAL INCRE	ASE.			
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		. 1	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	
			73,615	53,314	41,023	53,304	63,61
Victoria	::		73,615 62.356	53,314 67.181	41,023 49,316	53,304 64,842	74,14
Victoria			73,615 62.356 32,860	53,314 67.181 32,978	41,023 49.316 27,164	53,304 64,842 24,332	74,14 27.93
Victoria Queensland South Australia			73,615 62.356 32,860 20,942	53,314 67.181 32,978 24.785	41,023 49,316 27,164 17,095	53,304 64,842 24,332 22,578	74,14 27.93 26,39
Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia			73,615 62.356 32,860 20,942 17,690	53,314 67.181 32,978 24.785 22,596	41,023 49,316 27,164 17,095 18,808	53,304 64,842 24,332 22,578 17,672	74,14 27.93 26,39 21,33
Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Fasmania	::	::	73,615 62,356 32,860 20,942 17,690 11,454	53,314 67.181 32,978 24.785 22,596 7,771	41,023 49,316 27,164 17,095 18,808 6,907	53,304 64,842 24,332 22,578 17,672 3,046	74,14 27.93 26,39 21,33 6,29
Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory			73,615 62,356 32,860 20,942 17,690 11,454 194	53,314 67.181 32,978 24.785 22,596 7,771 157	41,023 49,316 27,164 17,095 18,808 6,907 864	53,304 64,842 24,332 22,578 17,672 3,046 505	74,14 27.93 26,39 21,33 6,29 86
Queensland South Australia Western Australia		::	73,615 62,356 32,860 20,942 17,690 11,454	53,314 67.181 32,978 24.785 22,596 7,771	41,023 49,316 27,164 17,095 18,808 6,907	53,304 64,842 24,332 22,578 17,672 3,046	63,610 74,14 27,93 26,39 21,33 6,29 86 2,32

⁽a) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by final results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Pe	Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.	Net Over- sea Migra- tion. (b)	Total Increase.	Popula- tion at end of Period.
Year—									
1938			62,411	120,415	66,451	53,964	9,137	c64,417	6,935,909
1944			68,201	153,344	69,596	83,748	- 2,183	c77,366	7,347,024
1945			62,822	160,560	70,231	90,329	- 2,629	c33,173	7,430,197
1946			79,496	176,379	74,661	101,718	- 15,148	c37,784	7,517,981
1947			76,457	182,384	73,468	108,916	10,611	c119,982	7,637,963
1948			74,902	177,976	76,839	101,137	55,115	c154,502	7,792,465
1949			72,999	181,261	75,260	106,001	150,001	c253,105	8,045,570
1950			75,599	190,591	78,187	112,404	152,505	c261,911	8,307,481
1951			77,298	193,298	81,788	111,510	111,433	c220,426	8,527,907
1952			74,172	201,650	81,597	120,053	94,032	c211,662	8,739,569
1953			70,640	202.235	80,188	122,047	42,897	c163,117	8,902,686
1954			71,229	202,256	81.805	120.451	68.207	c187,709	9 090,39
1955			72,172	207,677	82,036	125,641	97,255	222,896	9,313,291
Quarter ende						100000000000000000000000000000000000000			
31st Decen	ber, 1954		19,664	51,162	19,091	32,071	28,883	60,954	9,090,39
31st March	, 1955		17.705	51,318	17,680	33,638	25,101	58,739	9,149,134
30th June,			18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	20,680	51,557	9,200,691
	mber 1955		15.449	53,714	24.209	29,505	25,853	55,358	9,256,049
31st Decem	ber, 1955		20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,29

⁽a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period January, 1944, to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.

(b) Excess of arrivals over departures. Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period January, 1944, to June 1947, (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and differences disclosed by the Censuses of 30th June, 1947 and 1954.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

			Births.			Deaths.	
State or Territory.	Marriages.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
			,				
	QUART	ER ENDE	31st Di	ECEMBER,	1955.		
New South Wales	7,547	9,192	8,661	17,853	4,264	3,214	7,478
Victoria	6,069	7,431	6,990	14,421	2,791	2,542	5,333
Queensland	2,583	3,946	3,600	7,546	1,540	1,119	2,65
South Australia	1,685	2,437	2,362	4,799	1,061	896	1,95
Western Australia	1,367	2,095	1,944	4,039	745	603	1,348
Tasmania	729	1,018	1,015	2,033	318	266	58
Northern Territory	45	57	64	121	22	7	2
Australian Capital							
Territory	69	123	110	233	22	14	36
Australia	20,094	26,299	24,746	51,045	10,763	8,661	19,424
	Year	ENDED 3	31st Deci	EMBER, 19)55.		
		00.001					
New South Wales	27,645	38,081	36,326	74,407	18,670	13,883	32,553
Victoria	20,056	28,888	27,448	56,336	11,986	10,541	22,52
Queensland	10,098	16,701	15,651	32,352	6,681	4,626	11,30
South Australia	6,226	9,524	8,970	18,494	4,211	3,325	7,536
Western Australia	5,145	8,436	8,187	16,623	3,106	2,273	5,379
Tasmania	2,600	4,122	3,967	8,089	1,351	1,138	2,489
Northern Territory	151	257	258	515	99	20	119
Australian Capital	0.44						
Territory	251	441	420	861	84	42	126
Australia	72,172	106,450	101,227	207,677	46,188	35,848	82,036
				1			
State or Territor	у.	1938.	1952.	195	3.	1954.	1955.
		MARRI	AGES—NU	MDVD			
	+	1.111101017	1	1	- +	+	
New South Wales		24,579	29,35			27,503	27,645
Victoria		17,113	20,22		,238	19,404	20,056
Queensland		8,853	10,08		859	10,027	10,098
South Australia		5,489	6,24		149	6,190	6,226
Western Australia		4,153	5,38		.032	5,204	5,145
Tasmania		2,082	2,55		424	2,512	2,600
Northern Territory		67	13		154	143	151
Australian Capital Te	rritory	75	22	25	211	246	251
Australia		62,411	74,17	72 70.	640	71,229	72,172

Divorces (including Nullities of Marriage).—Australia—1938, 3,100; 1952, 7,095; 1953, 8,031; 1954, 6517; 1955, New South Wales, 2,891; Victoria, 1,690; Queensland, 803; South Australia, 628; Western Australia, 485; Tasmania, 233; Northern Territory, 18; Australian Capital Territory, 21; Australia, 6,769.

Marriages, Births and Deaths-continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Marriage I	RATES—PER	1,000 of M	EAN POPUL	ATION.	
New South Wales	9.03	8.78	8.14	8.02	7.92
	9.03				
		8.63	8.03	7.91	7.9
0 11 4 1 11	8.84	8.01	7.66	7.64	7.5
South Australia	9.25	8.27	7.92	7.77	7.5
Western Australia	8.95	8.97	8.10	8.13	7.8
Tasmania	8.81	8.56	7.91	8.07	8.2
Northern Territory	11.54	9.08	9.91	8.82	8.8
Australian Capital Territory	6.50	8.47	7.35	8.10	7.7
Australia	9.04	8.59	8.01	7.92	7.84
	Birth	s—Number.			
New South Wales	47,319	74,196	74,890	73,125	74,407
TY! . !	30,344	53,738	53,561	54,660	56.336
0 1 1	18,992	30,953			
C			30,782	31,176	32,355
337 . 4 . 11	9,410	17,884	18,156	18,227	18,49
Western Australia	9,141	15,413	15,862	15,928	16,623
Tasmania	4,907	7,916	7,736	7,770	8,089
Northern Territory	102	448	460	513	518
Australian Capital Territory	200	1,102	788	857	86:
Australia	120,415	201,650	202,235	202,256	207,677
BIRTH RA	TES—PER 1	,000 OF MEA	N POPULAT	ION.	
New South Wales	17.38	22.20	22.11	21.33	21.3
Victoria	16.27	22.93	22.36	22.28	22.30
0 1 1	18.95	24.65	23.91	23.74	24.10
Queensland	15.86	23.69	23.39		24.1
					99 51
TT7 . 4 . 1*				22.89	
Western Australia	19.71	25.66	25.54	24.88	25.23
Western Australia Tasmania	$19.71 \\ 20.76$	25.66 26.53	25.54 25.25	24.88 24.97	25.23 25.59
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	19.71 20.76 17.57	25.66 26.53 29.69	25.54 25.25 29.61	24.88 24.97 31.64	25.23 25.59 30.23
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	$19.71 \\ 20.76$	25.66 26.53	25.54 25.25	24.88 24.97	25.23 25.59 30.22
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	19.71 20.76 17.57	25.66 26.53 29.69	25.54 25.25 29.61	24.88 24.97 31.64	22.58 25.28 25.59 30.22 26.50
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21	25.23 25.59 30.22 26.56
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50	25.23 25.59 30.22 26.50
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia. New South Wales	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94 BER.	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50	25.24 25.59 30.22 26.50 22.57
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia. New South Wales Victoria	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45 D 26,105 18,955	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35 EATHS—NUM 32,038 23,322	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94 BER. 31,707 22,650	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50	25.25 25.56 30.22 26.56 22.57
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia. New South Wales Victoria Queensland	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45 D 26,105 18,955 9,201	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35 EATHS—NUM 32,038 23,322 11,171	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94 BER. 31,707 22,650 11,006	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50 32,444 22,554 11,344	25.25 25.56 30.22 26.56 22.57 32,553 22,527 11,307
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia. New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45 D 26,105 18,955 9,201 5,539	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35 EATHS—NUM 32,038 23,322 11,171 7,050	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94 BER. 31,707 22,650 11,006 6,962	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50 32,444 22,554 11,344 7,179	25.23 25.56 30.22 26.56 22.57 32,553 22,527 11,307 7,536
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia. New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45 D 26,105 18,955 9,201 5,539 4,234	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35 EATHS—NUM 32,038 23,322 11,171 7,050 5,209	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94 22.94 31,707 22,650 11,006 6,962 5,072	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50 32,444 22,554 11,344 7,179 5,364	25.24 25.56 30.22 26.56 22.57 32,555 22,527 11,307 7,536
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia. New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45 D 26,105 18,955 9,201 5,539 4,234 2,288	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35 EATHS—NUM 32,038 23,322 11,171 7,050 5,209 2,579	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94 BER. 31,707 22,650 11,006 6,962 5,072 2,551	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50 32,444 22,554 11,344 7,179 5,364 2,696	25.26 25.56 30.22 26.56 22.57 32,55; 22,527 11,307 7,536 5,377 2,489
Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Australia. New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia	19.71 20.76 17.57 (a)17.34 17.45 D 26,105 18,955 9,201 5,539 4,234	25.66 26.53 29.69 (a)41.48 23.35 EATHS—NUM 32,038 23,322 11,171 7,050 5,209	25.54 25.25 29.61 27.43 22.94 22.94 31,707 22,650 11,006 6,962 5,072	24.88 24.97 31.64 28:21 22.50 32,444 22,554 11,344 7,179 5,364	25.25 25.59 30.22 26.50 22.57 32,553 22,521 11,307

⁽a) As in the States and the Northern Territory, the rates shown are based on birth registrations. Prior to the provision late in 1952 of maternity accommodation in Queanbeyan, births registered in Canberra for the years 1938 and 1952 included many mothers from Queanbeyan and surrounding areas. Rates based on the number of births to mothers resident in the Australian Capital Territory for these years are as follows:—1938, 15.43; 1952, 31.91.

Marriages, Births and Deaths-continued.

	Territor	у.		1938.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	Dı	EATH RA	ATES—PI	ER 1,000 OF	MEAN POPU	JLATION.		
New South Wales				9.50	9.59	9.36	9.46	9.39
Victoria				10.16	9.95	9.45	9.19	8.9
Queensland				9.18	8.89	8.55	8.64	8.4
South Australia				9.34	9 34	8.97	9.01	9.1
Western Australia				9.13	8.67	8.17	8.38	8.1
Tasmania .				9.68	8.64	8.33	8.67	7.8
Northern Territory				11.89	5.90	7.47	6.54	6.9
Australian Capital Ter	rritory			5.20	5.23	4.32	3.88	3.8
Australia				9.63	9.45	9.09	9.10	8.9
				784	772	769	695	65
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	···			287 309 195 6	413 384 172 14	375 378 177 18	388 359 186 9	373 189 20
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Tei	::	::	::	309 195 6 8	384 172 14 26	378 177 18 17	359 186 9 4	37 18 2
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	::	::	::	309 195 6	384 172 14	378 177 18	359 186 9	373 183 24 13
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Ter Australia	rritory			309 195 6 8 4,607	384 172 14 26 4,797	378 177 18 17 4,713	359 186 9 4 4,546	37: 18: 2: 1: 4,57:
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australia Capital Ter Australia	rritory	ANT MO	RTALITY-	309 195 6 8 4,607 —RATE PER	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 LIVE 24.50	378 177 18 17 4,713 3 BIRTHS.	359 186 9 4 4,546	37. 18. 21. 4,57:
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Ter Australia	rritory	ANT MO	RTALITY	309 195 6 8 4,607 —RATE PER 41.84 34.21	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 LIVE 24.50 22.29	378 177 18 17 4,713 4,713 BIRTHS.	359 186 9 4 4,546	37: 188 21 1: 4,57: 24.88 18.3
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australia Capital Ter Australia New South Wales Victoria Queensland	rritory	ANT MO	RTALITY	309 195 6 8 4,607 -RATE PER 41.84 34.21 41.28	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 LIVE 24.50 22.29 24.94	378 177 18 17 4,713 4,713 BIRTHS.	359 186 9 4 4,546 25.30 19.30 22.29	37. 18. 21. 1. 4,57. 24.8 18.3 20.2.
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Ter Australia New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia	rritory	ANT MO	RTALITY-	309 195 6 8 4,607 —RATE PER 41.84 34.21 41.28 30.50	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 LIVE 24.50 22.29 24.94 23.09	378 177 18 17 4,713 4,713 BIRTHS. 24.65 21.15 24.98 20.65	359 186 9 4 4,546 25.30 19.30 22.29 21.29	24.8 18.3 20.2 24.8 20.2 20.2
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Ter Australia New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia	rritory	ANT MO	RTALITY	309 195 6 8 4,607 —RATE PER 41.84 34.21 41.28 30.50 33.80	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 Live 24.50 22.29 24.94 23.09 24.91	378 177 18 17 4,713 3 BIRTHS. 24.65 21.15 24.98 20.65 23.83	359 186 9 4 4,546 25.30 19.30 22.29 21.29 22.54	37: 18: 21: 11: 4,57: 24.8 18.3 20.2: 23.3 22.4:
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australia Capital Ter Australia New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Vestern Australia Fasmania	rritory	ANT MO	RTALITY-	309 195 6 8 4,607 -RATE PER 41.84 34.21 41.28 30.50 33.80 39.74	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 LIVE 24.50 22.29 24.94 23.09 24.91 21.73	378 177 18 17 4,713 4,713 24,65 21,15 24,98 20,65 23,88 22,88	359 186 9 4 4,546 25.30 19.30 22.29 21.29 22.54 23.94	37 18 2 1. 4,57 24.8 18.3 20.2 23.3 22.4 23.3
South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Ter Australia New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	INF	ANT MO	RTALITY	309 195 6 8 4,607 —RATE PER 41.84 34.21 41.28 30.50 33.80 39.74 58.82	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 LIVE 24.50 22.29 24.94 23.09 24.91 21.73 31.25	378 177 18 17 4,713 4,713 4,713 24.65 21.15 24.98 20.65 23.83 22.88 39.13	359 186 9 4 4,546 25.30 19.30 22.29 21.29 22.54 23.94 17.54	37: 18: 21: 4,57: 24.8: 18.3: 20.2: 23.3: 50.4!
Northern Territory Australian Capital Ter Australia	INF	ANT MO	RTALITY-	309 195 6 8 4,607 -RATE PER 41.84 34.21 41.28 30.50 33.80 39.74	384 172 14 26 4,797 1,000 LIVE 24.50 22.29 24.94 23.09 24.91 21.73	378 177 18 17 4,713 4,713 24,65 21,15 24,98 20,65 23,88 22,88	359 186 9 4 4,546 25.30 19.30 22.29 21.29 22.54 23.94	43 37. 188 2 2 4,57. 4,57. 24.8 18.3 20.2 23.3 32.2,4 23.3 50.4 13.9

OVERSEA MIGRATION-AUSTRALIA.

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	J	Cotal Arrival	S.	Т	otal Departu	ires.	Excess of Arrivals
Torrou.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	over De- partures.
1921-25	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,886
1936-40(a)	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45(a)	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1946-50(a)	398,507	303,413	701,920	180,779	168,057	348,836	353,084
1938	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1951	122,136	91,504	213,640	54,521	47,686	102,207	111,433
1952	127,516	88,323	215,839	68,937	52,870	121,807	94,032
1953	88,584	74,541	163,125	68,483	51,745	120,228	42,897
1954	109,601	88,424	198,025	72,073	57,745	129,818	68,207
1955	133,463	103,774	237,237	76,805	63,177	139,982	97,255
Quarter ended 31st March—							
1955	35,692	27,696	63,388	20.262	18.025	38,287	25,101
1956	40,352	31,374	71,726	22,333	19,972	42,305	29,421

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.
 NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

OVERSEA MIGRATION-AUSTRALIA-continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently Classified according to Nationality.

			Permane	nt New Arr	ivals.(a)		alian Resid ng Permane	
Nationa	lity.		1955.	Quarter 31st Ma		1955.	Quarter ended 31st March—	
			20001	1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.
British(b) Foreign—			57,201	17,357	15,932	29,305	7,938	8,813
American (U.S	3.)		1.296	329	282	927	206	260
Austrian			4,451	961	1,159	86	17	16
Belgian			58	25	20	18	2	1
Chinese			384	140	201	145	24	43
Czechoslovak			83	14	12	126	32	33
Danish			120	17	173	42	6	8
Dutch			13,354	2,323	3,689	1,055	172	446
Estonian			10	4	1	17	10	5
French			377	89	130	303	104	59
German			9.749	3,496	2,024	583	109	234
Greek			10,951	3,367	3,792	117	17	39
Hungarian			224	36	62	42	11	11
Israeli			626	105	267	11	6	6
Italian			27,045	5,759	10,048	1.627	383	588
Japanese			285	35	34	22	7	11
Latvian			41	8	9	37	8	7
Lebanese			420	81	196	31	5	9
Lithuanian			13	2	3	52	7	30
Norwegian			62	6	40	120	38	5
Polish(c)			164	40	45	102	36	26
Russian(d)			97	45	152	42	16	18
Swedish			44	11	34	45	12	
Swiss			214	44	116	113	31	18
Ukrainian			37	16	7	46	10	4
Yuzoslav			932	215	373	52	13	11
Stateless			1,604	585	430	183	41	43
Other			953	237	376	229	82	73
Total		.,	130,795	35,347	39,607	35,478	9,343	10,822

⁽a) "Permanent" means residence for one year or longer (in Australia in the case of arrivals; abroad in the case of departures) except in the case of Australian troops, who are classified as "temporary" irrespective of their length of stay. (b) "Irish" nationality has been combined with "British" in this table. (c) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Polish. (d) Includes "Stateless" who were formerly Russian.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently Classified according to Racial Origin.

			Permane	ent New Arr	rivals.(a)		Australian Residents Departing Permanently (a		
Racial Origin.			1955.	Quarter ended 31st March—		1955.		Quarter ended 31st March—	
				1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.	
European			128,378	34,486	38,271	34,791	9,147	10,599	
Asian			2,305	810	1,269	663	190	210	
African			20	11	12	2	1	1	
Polynesian			92	40	55	22	5	12	
Total			130,795	35,347	39,607	35,478	9,343	10,822	

OVERSEA MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

	Perma	nent New A	rrivals.		ralian Residing Perma		
Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	1955.	Quarte 31st M	r ended arch—	1955.	Quarter ended 31st March—		
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.	
British—							
United Kingdom and							
Republic of Ireland	36,638	9,690	11,309	15,389	4,070	4.299	
Canada	1,225	249	220	1,155	393	264	
Cyprus	930	237	261	54	3	21	
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	831	190	231	478	174	107	
M - 14 -	9.297	4.477	975	266	56	108	
N O	668	247	269	2,035	543	560	
37 77 1 1	2,904	815	917	3,744	1,182	1.134	
D	483	118	153	1,242	299	344	
TT : CC 11 1C:	375	103	57	226		0	
041					64	95	
Other	2,620	910	1,213	2,310	493	961	
Total, British Countries	55,971	17,036	15,605	26,899	7,277	7,893	
Foreign—	5,021	1.051	1,368	66	12	10	
Austria	401	78	115	342	113	99	
France	9.866	3.524	2,059	486	98	202	
Germany	10,389	3,230	3,410	168	30	55	
Greece		6,021	10,225	2,816	738		
Italy	27,451	2,254	3,611	833	127	1,096	
Netherlands	13,104	2,254	28	6		380	
Poland	79	186		42	5 7	5	
Yugoslavia	818		317			7	
Other European	1,563	440	666	475	115	95	
China	177	73	158	33	2	13	
Indonesia	476	119	134	178	51	49	
Egypt	1,245	362	669	61	12	40	
United States of America	1,859	432	429	2,238	513	651	
Polynesian Islands	2,232	33	761	239	101	71	
Other	143	504	52	596	142	163	
Total, Foreign Countries	74,824	18,311	24,002	8,579	2,066	2,929	
GRAND TOTAL	130,795	35,347	39,607	35,478	9,343	10,822	

⁽a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" (see-following table) as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

OVERSEA MIGRATION-AUSTRALIA-continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

		Residents mporary Vi Arriving.		Tempora	Residents : rily and Ter ors Departi	nporary	
Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(a)	1955.	Quarter 31st Ma		1955.	Quarter ended 31st March—		
		1955.	1956.		1955.	1956.	
Australia	52,877	13,473	15,692	52,180	14,586	16,080	
Other British—						A Total	
United Kingdom and							
Repullic of Ireland	8,589	2,780	3,152	9,001	2,912	2,740	
Canada	786	236	217	721	250	283	
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	1,418	291	390	1,204	357	338	
New Guinea	3,025	791	1,189	2,751	733	780	
New Zealand	19,768	4,760	5,428	20,601	5,282	5,707	
Papua	2,811	713	849	1,890	481	664	
Union of South Africa	537	146	154	505	152	146	
Other	5,660	1,802	1,810	5,393	1,389	1,533	
Total, Other British	42,594	11,519	13,189	42,066	11,556	12,191	
Countries	12,001		10,100				
Foreign—							
France	477	87	230	503	109	177	
Germany	358	88	77	339	71 9	84	
Greece	63	12 68	27 56	43 295	56	19 65	
Italy	259 610	146	146	694	141	169	
Netherlands	35	15	9	20	4	103	
Yugoslavia	745	204	181	647	167	200	
Other European	90	25	13	45	14	18	
Y	625	159	193	444	118	119	
Egypt	64	17	15	52	15	17	
United States of America	4.270	1.271	1.307	4.614	1,424	1,387	
Polynesian Islands	1.242	406	433	955	266	465	
Other	2,133	551	551	1,607	408	491	
Total, Foreign Countries	10.971	3,049	3,238	10,258	2,802	3,212	
GRAND TOTAL	106,442	28,041	32,119	104,504	28,944	31,483	

⁽a) "Permanent" residence means residence of one year or longer except in the case of Australian troops, who are included under "Australia" as regards both country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence.

Section II.—Production.

PRINCIPAL CROPS-AUSTRALIA.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND YIELD PER ACRE.

	1	- 1					1	1	
Season.	N	.s.w.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
					AREA.				
1938-39		4.051	0.710		00 Acres.)		- 10		
		4,651	2,748	442	3,080	3,413	10	2	14,346
1950-51 1951-52		3,329 2,753 2,702	2.735 2,464	559 454	1,848 1,613	3,185 3,095	5 4	2 1	11,663 10,384
1952-53 1953-54		2,702 3,357	2.232 2,389	724 580	1,544 1,528	2,999 2,885	7	1 2	10,209 10,751
1954-55		2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1 1	10,731
				Pro	ODUCTION.				
					O Bushels.	,			
1938-39		59,898	18,104	8,584	31,675	36,844	205	59	155,369
1950-51 1951-52		43,273 39,689	51,236 45,995	8,785 6,632	30,936 27,301	49,900	95	19	184,244 159,725
1952-53	!	56,670	50.335	18.662	33,919	40,000 35,458	156	8	195,208
1953-54 1954-55		63,681 37,718	53,698 48,484	10,180 16,478	30,409 31,463	39,700 34,300	263 158	29 5	197,960 168,606
				YIELI	PER ACI	RE.			
				(1	Bushels.)				
1938-39		12.9	6.6	19.4	10.3	10.8	20.8	28.7	10.8
1950-51		13.0	18.7	15.7	16.7	15.7	17.8	10.1	15.8
1951-52 1952-53		14.4 21.0	18.7 22.6	14.6 25.8	16.9 22.0	12.9 11.8	26.1 23.4	14.0 12.7	15.4 19.1
1953-54		19.0	22.5	17.6	19.9	13.8	27 2	18.5	18.4
1954-55		12.9	20.3	24.0	18 6	11.5	21.7	6.5	15.8
		Тота	AL AREA	OF WHEA	of Grown Of Acres.)	FOR ALL	PURPOSE	S.	
Season		N.S.W.	Victoria	. Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia
1938-39		5,223	3,03	3 499	3,344	3,613	14	2	15,728
1950-51		3,442		616	1,950	3,255	9	2	12,045
1951-52 1952-53	::	2,930 2,836		551 779	1.688 1,601	3,163 3,076	7 13	1 1	10,839 10,571
1953-54 1954-55		3,548 3,179	2,42	658	1,604 1,766	2,938 3 100	15 12	2	11,194
1804-00	••	9,175	2,400	OTHER PE	THE RESERVE TO SERVE THE PARTY OF THE PARTY		1 12	1 1	11,234
		1	01-	OTHER IT	INCIPAL	ROPS.	1 0		1
			Grain.				Sugar	r-cane.	Total
Season		Oats.	Barley	. Maize.	Potatoes.	Hay.	Cut for crushing.	Cane Sugar. (94 N.T.)	Area of Crops.
					AREA.				
				('00	00 Acres.)				
1938-39		1,784	74	5 324	98	3,250	262	••	23,498
1950-51		1,757		9 169	127	1,377	272		19,811
1951-52 1952-53	**	2,365 2,764	1 1 37	7 174	118 135	1,549 1,761	282 280		19.683 20,251
953-54 954-55		2,137 2,574	1,80	3 179	128	1,935	340 374	::	21,013
1934-33	••	2,575	1 1,69		107	1,984	3/4		21,695
		'000	1 *000	PRO	ODUCTION.	*000	*000	, *000	1
938-39		Bush. 15,555	Bush.	Bush.	Tons. 274	Tons. 3,321	Tons. 5,679	Tons. 820	
		01 100	22.871	4,729	412	2,063	7,052	921	
		25,128	64.61						
1951 -52 1952 -53		34,506 43,623	21.909 35,048	4,018	509 431	2,345 2,765	5,327 6,967	745 949	
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55		25,128 34,506 43,623 32,961 32,831	21.909 35,048	4,018 4,967 5,079	509 431 548 468	2,345 2,765 3,049 2,856	5,327 6.967 9,014 10,087	745 949 1,254 1,328	

PRODUCTION.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK. ('000.)

	ch.	N.8.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas- mania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australi
					Hors	ES.				
1939		531	344	(a) 445	(a) 196	(a) 144	(a) 30	33	1	1,724
1951		329	187	307	71	55	20	29	1	999
1952		311	169	289	63	53	19	32	1	937
1953		298	154	282	57	50	18	35	1	89
1954		280	141	273	52	49	17	37	1	850
1955		258	132	267	1 49	47	1 16	33	1	808
				(CATTLE-	BEEF.				
1951		2,457	727	5,294	189	618	115	1,019	8	10,42
1952		2,416	776	5,138	201	621	110	1,058	7	10,32
1953		2,405	820	5,378	231	612	113	936	6	10,501
1954		2,316	829	5,703	230	600	121	966	6	10,77
1955	*.*	2,242	856	5,861	255	633	129	969	5	10,95
				C	ATTLE-	DAIRY.				
1951		1,246	1,489	1,440	244	223	157		3	4,80
1952		1,205	1,439	1.297	236	231	155		3	4,56
1953		1,244	1,477	1,373	252	234	162		4	4,74
1954		1,238	1,541	1,383	261	230	174		3 3	4,83
1955		1,219	1,600	1,377	269	228	190		3	4,88
				C	ATTLE-	TOTAL.				
1939		2,812	1,697	(a)6,097	(a) 319	(a) 768	(a) 262	900	7	12,86
1000					433	841	272	1 010	111	15.22
		3 703	2.216	6 734						
1951		3,703 3,621	2,216 2,215	6,734			265	1,019	11 10	
1951 1952	::	3.621	2,215	6,435	437	852	265 275	1,058	10	14.89
1951 1952 1953	::	3.621 3,649	2,215 2,297	6,435 6,751			265 275 295			14.89 15,24
1951 1952 1953 1954	::	3.621	2,215	6,435	437 483	852 846	275	1,058 936	10	14.89 15,24 15,60
1951		3.621 3,649 3,554	2,215 2,297 2,370	6,435 6,751 7,086	437 483 491	852 846 830 861	275 295	1,058 936 966	10 10 9	14.89 15,24 15,60
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		3.621 3,649 3,554	2,215 2,297 2,370	6,435 6,751 7,086	437 483 491 524 Shei	852 846 830 861	275 295	1,058 936 966	10 10 9	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456	6.435 6.751 7,086 7,238	437 483 491 524 SHEE	852 846 830 861	275 295 319	1,058 936 966 969	10 10 9 8	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012	6,435 6,751 7,086 7,238 a 23,159 17,478	3491 524 SHEE a 9,937 10,166	852 846 830 861 EP.	275 295 319 a 2,626 2,181	1,058 936 966 969	10 10 9 8 245 257	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83 111,05 115,59
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1939	::	3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537	6,435 6,751 7,086 7,238 (a 23,159 17,478 16,164	SHEE a 9,937 10,166 11,470	852 846 830 861 EP. a 9,177 11,362 12,188	275 295 319 a 2,626 2,181 2,338	1,058 936 966 969	10 10 9 8 245 257 248	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83 111,05 115,59 117,64
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1989 1951 1952 1953		3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676 57,461	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537	6.435 6.751 7,086 7,238 a 23,159 17,478 16,164 17,030	437 483 491 524 SHEE a 9,937 10,166 11,470 12,036	852 846 830 861 EP. a 9,177 11,362 12,188 12,475	275 295 319 a 2,626 2,181 2,338 2,421	30 29 31 34	10 10 9 8 245 257 243 247	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83 111,05 115,59 117,64 123,07
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1939 1951 1952 1953 1954	::	3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012	6,435 6,751 7,086 7,238 (a 23,159 17,478 16,164	SHEE a 9,937 10,166 11,470	852 846 830 861 EP. a 9,177 11,362 12,188	275 295 319 a 2,626 2,181 2,338	1,058 936 966 969	10 10 9 8 245 257 248	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83 111,05 115,59 117,64 123,07 126,94
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1939		3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676 57,461 59,639	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537 21,368 21,438	a 23,159 17,478 16,164 17,030 18,194	37 483 491 524 SHEE a 9,937	852 846 830 861 EP. 11,362 12,188 12,475 13,087 13,411	275 295 319 a 2,626 2,181 2,838 2,421 2,465	1,058 936 966 969 30 29 31 34 31	10 10 9 8 245 257 243 247 252	111,056 115,59 117,64 123,07 126,94 130,84
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1955 1951 1952 1953 1954		3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676 57,461 59,639	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537 21,368 21,438	a 23,159 17,478 16,164 17,030 18,194	437 483 491 524 SHEI a 9,937 10,166 11,470 12,036 11,838 12,817	852 846 830 861 EP. 11,362 12,188 12,475 13,087 13,411	275 295 319 a 2,626 2,181 2,838 2,421 2,465	1,058 936 966 969 30 29 31 34 31	10 10 9 8 245 257 243 247 252	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83 11,05 115,59 117,64 123,07 126,94 130,84
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1939 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		3.621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676 57,461 59,639 59,200	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537 21,368 21,438 22,330	6,435 6,751 7,086 7,238 a 23,159 17,478 16,164 17,030 18,194 20,222	### 487 ### 483 ### 491 524 Sheff a 9,937 10,166 11,470 12,036 11,838 12,817 Pig	852 846 830 861 EP. a 9,177 11,362 12,188 12,475 13,087 13,411	275 295 319 319 4 2,626 2,181 2,338 2,421 2,465 2,595	30 29 31 34 31 29	245 257 248 247 252 245	111,05 115,59 111,05 115,59 117,64 123,07 126,94 130,84
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1951 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		3,621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676 57,461 59,639 59,200	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537 21,368 21,438 22,330	6,435 6,751 7,086 7,238 10,238 12,478 16,164 17,030 18,194 20,222	487 483 491 524 Shee a 9,937 10,166 11,470 12,036 11,838 12,817 Pro	852 846 830 861 EP. a 9,177 11,362 12,188 12,475 13,087 13,411 S.	275 295 319 a 2,626 2,181 2,338 2,421 2,465 2,595	30 29 31 34 31 29	245 257 248 257 248 247 252 245 241 1	111,050 115,69 117,64 123,07 126,94 130,84
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1939 1951 1952 1953 1953 1955		3,621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676 57,461 59,200 377 317 293 299	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537 21,368 21,438 22,330 253 237 214 183	6,435 6,751 7,086 7,238 123,159 17,478 16,164 17,030 18,194 20,222 1(a) 325 375 316 336	487 483 491 524 Sheif a 9,937 10,166 11,470 12,036 11,838 12,817 Pig (4) 71 68 65 59	852 846 830 861 EP. a 9,177 11,362 12,188 12,475 13,087 13,411 S. (a) 83 90 86 76	4 2,626 2,181 2,338 2,421 2,465 2,595 (a) 45 47 399	30 936 966 969 29 31 34 31 29	245 257 248 247 252 245 1	14.89 15,24 15,60 15,83 111,05 115,59 117,64 123,07 126,94
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1939 1951 1952 1955		3,621 3,649 3,554 3,461 48,877 54,111 53,676 57,461 59,639 59,200	2,215 2,297 2,370 2,456 17,007 20,012 21,537 21,368 21,438 22,330 253 237 214	6,435 6,751 7,086 7,238 1a,23,159 17,478 16,164 17,030 18,194 20,222	487 483 491 524 SHER a 9,937 10,166 11,470 12,036 11,838 12,817 PIG	852 846 830 861 EP. a 9,177	275 295 319 4 2,626 2,181 2,338 2,421 2,465 2,595 (a) 45 45 47	1,058 936 966 969 30 29 31 34 31 29	245 257 248 257 248 247 252 245 241 1	111,05: 111,05: 115,59 117,64 123,07 126,94 130,84

PRODUCTION OF WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE). ('000 lb.)

Season	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tag- mania.	Nor. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39	 437,141	165,829	b 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55(c)	 492,130 437,837 556,552 544,934 540,977	252,195 223,481	138,767 163,149 174,414	135,484 158,658 145,509	120,401 128,148 134,442	20,116	235 252 332 290 311		1,079,977

⁽a) Estimated. (b) For year ended 31st December, 1938. (c) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
		WHOLE	MILK F	OR ALL H	URPOSES.			
			('00	00 gal.)				
1938-39	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,562	34,829	350	1,189,863
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55(b) Nine months	298,159 241,209 317,385 282,187 313,015	445,671 446,818 436,417 474,358 533,240	278,111 181,148 285,533 249,712 271,647	83,545 86,482 84,249 85,014 91,538	52,407 48,937 49,830 49,996 54,720	39,228 42,189 41,139 47,642 52,021	687 593 688 743 7 25	1,197,808 1,047,376 1,215,241 1,189,652 1,316,906
end°d March, 1955(b) March 1956(b)	250.256 271,704	460,298 493,165	212,861 231,063	75,206 74,786	44,896 45,678	45 495 51,295	564 710	1,089,576 1,168,401
		Bun		etory and	Farm).			
1938-39	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55(b) Nine months	36,130 25,242 38,875 31,354 40,289	59,046 60,342 58,178 64,396 80,269	47,911 28,211 49,425 42,154 46,215	7,769 8 131 7,982 7,862 8,752	7,000 6.880 6.643 6,281 7,313	6,073 6,507 6,372 7,533 8,624	5 6 5 5 5	163,934 135,319 167,480 159,585 191,467
ended— March, 1955(b) March, 1956(b)	33,245 35,997	70,383 79,572	36,390 40,072	7,165 7,219	6,234 6,476	7,779 8,710	3 3	161,190 178,049
		Сне	,	tory and I	Farm).			
1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518		29,30
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55(b) Nine Months	2,960 1,995 3,163 3,210 2,509	22,576 22,255 22,386 25,987 20,224	8.678 4,700 9.439 6,746 7,924	8 932 10.615 10,454 11,612 13,103	751 625 898 1,208 1,069	412 408 266 294 277	::	44,309 40,599 46,609 49,05 45,109
ended— March, 1955(b) March, 1956(b)	2,049 2,788	18,550 11,897	6,485 6,557	11,745 11,226	943 686	271 227	::	40,04 33,38

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILE PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

		Fu	ıll Cream Mi	lk Products	Total Whole Milk	Milk By-	Products.	
Period.		Condensed Milk (Sweetened and Unsweet- ened).	Concentrated Whole Milk.(c)	Powdered Full Cream Milk.	Infants' and Invalids' Foods.(d)	Equivalent of Full Cream Milk Products.	Powdered Skim Milk.	Powdered Butter- milk and Whey
1938-39		Tons. 15,519	Tons. (e) 1,659	Tons. 10,712	Tons. (f) 1,259	'000 gals. 33,367	Tons.	Tons. (h) 556
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55(b)		50,507 52,467 55,385 42,386 38,333	18,351 16,743 14,493 19,464 11,618	17,594 15,121 22,393 18,905 15,400	12,100 12,066 10,042 11,740 11,326	84,828 76,324 83,411 75,773 60,282	6,583 10,887 16,103 19,804 23,206	3,199 2,938 4,073 5,359 5,200
Nine mont ended— March, 1955(b) March, 1956(b)	hs	34,371 39,380	10,120 12,427	13,276 14,853	8,838 9,908	52,726 61,856	21,686 27,164	4,425 3,868

⁽a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Principally for use in ice-cream manufacture. (d) Includes malted milk and milk sugar and a small quantity of non-fat malted milk. (e) Incomplete. (f) Malted milk and milk sugar only. (g) Included with Powdered Full Cream Milk. (h) Excludes whey.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT). (Tons.)

1938-39				,	Tons.)					
1988-89	Period.	N.8.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia
1950-51				BEEF (i	neluding	Veal).				
1951-52	1938-39	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	2 559,210
1951-52	1950-51	192,760	136,604	232,398	36.372	33 969	14 103	2 501	1 716	051 510
1935-54 220.915	1951-52	184,271	137,241	177,608	31,091	32,196	14,390	3,285		
1934-506	AOPO FA	217,320	123,643	252,495		31.810	13.842	3,175	1,464	674.849
Nine months ended— March, 1955 (a) 163,250 103.368 194,521 24,788 26,658 9,689 2.253 1,242 558,81 1933-39			136,999	268 825	34,122				1,656	
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Nine months	==0,011	100,000	200,020	00,000	01,004	10,000	3,140	1,050	714,169
1933-39	March 1055 (a)	169 950	100 000	104 501	04 500	00.000	0.000			
MUTTON M	March, 1956 (a)	171,661			28,058				1,242	525,899
1950-51				Ŋ	AUTTON.					
1951-52	1933–39	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$							4.813	27	621	161 832
1958-54	1951-52	56,329	64,756	13,082	20,163	16,086	4,732	34	648	175,830
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1050 54	75,455	87 309		33,660	23,620				249,007
Nine months ended March, 1955 (a) 55,007 $70,657$ 11.516 $21,124$ $15,418$ 4.671 55 540 $178,90$ March, 1956 (a) 54,422 $67,260$ $15,573$ $20,733$ 18.281 $3,552$ 52 621 $180,88$ $1938-39$ $28,635$ $68,685$ $1,506$ $15,557$ $7,852$ $2,325$ 84 $114,51$ $1950-51$ $2950-51$	1954-55(a)	73,479	89,324		27.631					
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$							0,000		120	200,101
1938-39	March, 1955 (a)		70,657		21,124	15,418	4,671	55	540	178,998
1938-39 . 28,685	March, 1956 (a)	54,422	67,260	15,573	20,733	18,281	3,952		621	
1950-51	1038_20	1 00 5051	E0 60E			W OF O				
1951-52 37,747 44,227 1,338 11,059 7600 4,243 31 105,1952-53 53,276 58,900 1,790 17,824 8,866 5,002 396 146,08 1953-54 48,750 48,320 1,617 14,757 8,358 5,069 366 127,24 1953-54 48,750 48,320 1,617 14,757 8,358 5,069 366 127,24 1954-55(a) 48,824 61,666 1,535 21,121 7,415 5,753 360 146,67 Nine months ended— March, 1955 (a) 37,207 52,913 1,133 18,809 6,245 4,391 270 120,96 March, 1956 (a) 38,682 51,129 1,420 15,3 10 8,081 5,054 306 120,00 PORK 1938-39 9,617 10,769 11,844 2,037 1,092 1,623 8 48 37,03 1954-552 10,382 8,716 8,604 2,551 2,550 1,981 70 170 35,25 1951-52 10,382 8,716 8,604 2,551 2,550 1,981 70 170 35,25 1952-53 9,611 6,925 6,548 2,836 2,436 1,920 60 132 30,48 1954-55(a) 17,096 10,558 8,370 3,346 3,947 1,936 65 144 45,464 45,464 March, 1955 (a) 11,774 7,327 8,492 2,673 1,894 1,015 32,33 30,48 1,954 65 11,172 8,298 5,796 2,715 2,731 1,607 50 144 32,51 1953-52 10,882 8,768 8,370 3,346 3,947 1,936 65 144 45,464 1,955 (a) 11,774 8,298 5,796 2,715 2,731 1,607 50 144 32,51 1953-54 12,242 7,029 6,231 2,488 3,154 1,375 52 108 33,73 1954-55(a) 11,774 7,770 8,492 2,673 1,894 1,015 32,51 1,007 50 144 32,51 1,007 1							2,325		84	114,544
1953-54	1051 50	39,999	47,007	1,100						
1953-54	1050 50	53,276	58.900	1,338	17.891		4,243			106,526
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1953-54	48,759	48.320	1,617	14,757		5.069			
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		48,824	61,666	1,535						
PORK										
PORK. 1938-39 9,617 10,769 11,844 2,037 1,092 1,623 8 43 37,03 1950-51 9,307 7,596 11,751 2,774 2,116 1,499 64 150 35,25 1951-52 10,382 8,716 8,604 2,551 2,550 1,981 70 170 35,02 1952-53 9,611 6,925 6,548 2,836 2,436 1,920 60 132 30,44 1953-54 12,949 7,332 7,216 2,253 2,032 1,399 69 146 33,33 1954-55(a) 17,096 10,558 8,370 3,346 3,947 1,936 65 144 45,46 March, 1955 (a) 12,421 7,929 6,231 2,468 3,154 1,375 52 108 33,73 March, 1955 (a) 11,172 8,298 5,796 2,715 2,731 1,607 50 144 32,51 BACON AND HAM (Cured weight). 1938-39 11,794 7,870 8,492 2,673 1,894 1,015 33,23 1950-51 12,629 7,905 8,764 3,042 8,558 946 36,84 1951-52(b) 12,514 8,964 7,609 2,969 3,683 829 36,84 1953-54(b) 11,875 7,044 10,655 3,024 3,443 949 36,84 1953-54(b) 11,875 7,044 10,655 3,024 3,443 949 36,93 Nine months ended— March, 1955 (a)(b) 8,755 6,245 8,375 2,505 2,494 771 29,14 March, 1955 (a)(b) 8,875 5,787 7,558 2,778 2,579 783 28,35 TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT. 1938-39 299,975 271,99 252,045 64,829 63,441 26,474 3,389 2,986 94,915-52 305,748 267,129 211,062 68,902 63,441 26,474 3,389 2,986 94,965	March, 1955 (a)		52,913						270	120,968
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	march, 1956 (a)	33,682	51,1291			8,0811	5,054		306	120,062
1950-51	1938_39	0.6171	10 760			1.0031	1 000			
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$								8	48	37,033
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1071 70		7,596	11,751	2,774	2,116				35,257
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1050 50	9,611			2,836	2,550				35,024
Nine months ended— March, 1955 (a) 12.421 7.029 6.231 2.468 3.154 1.375 52 108 33,73 March, 1956 (a) 11,172 8,298 5,796 2,715 2,731 1,607 50 144 32,51 BACON AND HAM (Cured weight). 1938–39 . 11,794 7,870 8,492 2.673 1,894 1,015 . 33,23 1951–52(b) 12.514 8,664 7 669 2.969 3.683 829 . 36,64 1952–53 h) 13.228 8.165 9,510 3.063 3,693 886 . 38,51 1953–54(b) 11.875 7.044 10.655 3.024 3.433 949 . 36,93 1954–55(a)(b) 11.855 7.044 10.655 3.024 3.433 949 . 36,93 1954–55(a)(b) 8,755 6.245 8.375 2.505 2.494 771 . 29,14 March, 1955 (a)(b) 8,871 5,787 7,558 2.778 2,579 783 . 29,14 1938–39 . 299,975 271,939 252,045 64,829 53,880 20,421 2.248 1,055 966,39 1951–52 305,748 267,129 211,062 68,902 63,441 26,474 3,389 2,936 946,05 1952–53 . 370,652 294,702 292,349 89,585 71,766 2,476 3,317 2,826 1,152,83 1953–54 . 374,543 292,532 299,181 85,960 69,475 24,769 3,448 2,888 1,152,76 2,966 1953–54 . 374,543 292,532 299,181 85,960 69,475 24,769 3,448 2,888 1,152,76 2,156 and companies and comp	1953-54	12,949		7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399			33,396
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Nine months	17,096	10,558	8,370	3,346	3,947	1,936	65		45,462
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	ended—									
BACON AND HAM (Cured weight). 1938-39 . 11,794 7,370 8,492 2,673 1,894 1,015	March, 1955 (a)				2,468	3,154				33,738
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	201011, 10110 (0)	1 12,112					1,007	501	144	32,513
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1938-39	11,794					1.015	1		22 222
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1050 51	10.000								00,208
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1071 70/11	12,629			3,042			200 Co. Leading Printers 2, 19		36,844
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1952-53(h)	13,228			3.063	3.603				36.628
Nine months ended—	1953-54(b)	11.875		10.655	3.024	3,443	949	DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF T		36,990
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Nine months	11,539	8,253	10,805	3,318	3,310	1,019			38,244
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	March, $1955(a)(b)$			8,375	2,505	2,494	771			90 145
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	March, 1956 (a)(b)	8,871	5,787	7,558	2,778	2,579		::		28,356
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$										
Nine months ended—		299,975		252,045	64,829	53,880			1,055	966,392
Nine months ended—	1051 50	311,704	258,002			62,473	25,554	3,682	2,787	1,011,132
Nine months ended—	050 50		207.129		89 595	63.441	26,474	3,389	2,936	949,0×1-
Nine months ended—	1953-54	374.543	292,532	299,181		69,475	24,769	3,418	2,826	1,152,831
ended—	954-55(a)	373,933	309,773	309,288		73,849	28.526	3,282	2,880	1,191,500
Joseph 1055 (a) 970 701 949 969 994 709 70 70									. 1	,
March, 1955 (a) 279,791 243,362 224,792 70,606 54,896 21,176 2,460 2,160 899,24;	March, 1955 (a) March, 1956 (a)	279,791	243,362	224,792	70,606	54,896	21,176	2,460	2,160	899,243
March, 1956 (a) 288,001 236,637 249,400 70,674 59,175 23,163 2,539 2,205 931,88	March, 1956 (a)	288,001	236,637	249,400						931,884

⁽a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes pressed and canned bacon and ham converted to bone-in weight.

MINING AND QUARRYING-VALUE OF OUTPUT(a). (£'000.)

Industry and Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust.
			1954.					
Metal Mining— Gold M ning I on Ore Mining Silver-Lead-Zinc Mining Copper-Gold Mining Tin Mining Mineral Sands Mining Other Metal Mining	329 26,672 16 212 990 89	880	277 (b) (b) 549 943 (b)	(b) (b) (c) 	13,386 (b) (b) 67 080	2,374 (b) 1,068	839 114 13 55	15,712 3,924 38,905 5,568 1,909 1,933 3,204
Total Metal Mining	28,308	887	14,304	3,300	15,223	8,112	1,021	71,155
Fuel Mining— Black Coal Mining Brown Coal Mining	42,762	886 3,945	6,474	650	3,589	523		54,884 3,945
Total Fuel Mining	42,762	4,831	6,474	650	3,589	523		58,829
Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining and Construc- tion Material Quarrying (d)	7,132	4,362	825	4,603	1,929	320	124	e 19,398
Total All Mining and Quarrying	78,202	10,080	21,603	8,553	20,741	8,955	1,145	e 149,382
1953(d) 1952(d) 1951(d) 1950(d)	72,346 77,097 67,877 46,102	9,329 8,535 6,949 5,274	17,284 17,429 10,922 10,829	6,203 6.047 4,938 4,428	20,011 17,704 13,474 12,037	8,037 8,750 10.552 7,049	1,221 1,282 (f) (f)	134,542 136,844 114,712 85,719
1939(d)	12,914	2,789	3,438	3,648	12,496	2,145	(f)	37,430

⁽a) Selling value at point of sale of mine or quarry product less transport costs from mine or quarry to point of sale (i.e. value of output at mine or quarry) from 1952. For years prior to 1952 totals have been estimated by Government Statisticians in each State using values of individual products recorded by Mines Departments and other relevant data. (b)Not available for publication. (c) Less than £500. (d) Incomplete for some Non-Metal (excl. Fuel) Mining industries and for Construction Material Quarrying in some States. (e) Includes £103,000 for the Australian Capital Territory. (f) Not available.

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS.

	P	rincipal M	etallic Co	ntents of 1	linerals	Produced.		Coal.	
State or Territory and Year.	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Tin.	Tungsten.	Zinc.	Black.	Brown.
	tons	'000 f. oz.	'000 tons	'000 tons	tons	tons	'000 tons	'000 tons	'000 tons
		QUARTE	ER ENDED	31ST DEC	CEMBER	, 1955(b)			
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	7,039 3 2,075 890	8 10 15 228 4 14	(c) 458 80	55 ·· 12 (d) (d) (d) 3	58 231 57 188 (d)	1 11 4 314 37	51 4 8	3,697 35 633 108 228 81	2,543
Australia— Dec. Qtr. 1955 Dec. Qtr. 1954	10,841 9,334	279 282	538 550	70 67	534 455	367 333	63 61	4,782 4,989	2,543 2,343
Year— 1955(b) 1954 1953 1952 1951	44,252 40,857 36,585 18,578 17,926	1,049 1,118 1,075 980 896	(c) 2,304 (c) 2,274 (c) 2,132 (c) 1,883 (c) 1,605	293 285 269 228 212	2,077 2,075 1,553 1,610 1,559	1,463 1,372 1,406 1,282 1,112	256 253 239 196 189	19,293 19,761 18,411 19,404 17,608	10,112 9,331 8,257 8,104 7,836
(a) In terms of	WO. (t	ungstie tr	ioxide).	(b) Subj	ect to	revision.	(c) Est	imated.	(d) Les

than half the unit of quantity shown.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Australia.

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Year.		Factories.	Persons Employed.	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Fuel, &c., Used.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.	Value of Plant, Machinery Land and Buildings.
1938-39		No. 26,941	No. 565,106	£'000. 106,743	£'000. 15,700	£'000. 281,303	£'000. 203,417	£'000. 500,420	£'000. 274,583
950-51 951-52 952-53 953-54 954-55(f)	::	43.147 45,844 47.740 49,576 51,056	968,918 977,517 933,261 989,542 1,031,082	491,718 611,789 635,245 705,137 781,639		1,235,281 1,513,210 1,527,805 1,747,973 1,949,778	843,872 1,024,867 1,082,862 1,227,045 1,365,509	2,150,835 2,634,706 2,720,004 3,095,476 3,434,668	639,400 769,634 907,980 1,064 146 1,254,288

⁽a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Includes value of containers, packing, &c., tools replaced and repairs to plant. (d) Value of production equals regres in column (7) less total of figures in columns (4) and (5). (e) Value of goods produced including amounts received for work done. (f) Preliminary.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

States.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
		19	38-39.				
. Factories No. 1	0.101	. 0.050	0.00=	2 2 2 2 2			
Persons employed(a) ,, Salaries, Wages paid(b)	9.464 228,781	9,250 201,831	3,087 54,110	2,067 43,371	2,129 23,211	944 13,802	26,94 565,10
£'000.	44,606	36,027	10,887	8.169	4,574	2,480	106,74
. Value of fuel, &c. us d "	7,652	4,000	1.423	1,018	1,169	438	15,700
. " materiais used "	120,502	82,971	42,596	20,309	9,604	5,321	281,30
. , production(c) ,	90,266	65,996	19,302	13.678	8,776	5,399	203,41
output .,	218.420	152.967	63,321	35,005	19,549	11,158	500,420
land & buildings,,	57,354	42,026	12,299	8,711	6.814	3,717	130,921
plant & mchnry.,,	62,693	38,627	18,095	9,750	8,095	6,402	143,662
		19	952-54.				
. Factories No.	20,199	15,533	5.199	3,577	3,523	1.545	49,570
2. Persons employed(a) ,, 3. Salaries, wages paid(b)	402,595	331,277	98,119	85,503	47,459	24,589	989,549
£'000.	293,586	236.037	63,433	63,110	31,590	17 901	1 707 108
. Value of fuel. &c., used ,,	58,447	29,080	10,655	12.50	6,972	17,381 2,804	705.137 120.458
materials used ,,	721,311	548,111	211,451	152,590	72,468	42,042	1,747,97
3. ,, production(c) ,,	520,043	408,314	110,255	100,221	55,147	33,065	1 007 04
	1,299,801	985,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	1,227.04
3. ,, land & buildings,,	196,724	158,389	40,003	36,579	24,739	26,997	483,431
, plant & mchnry.,,	233,022	181.058	64.160	46.788	28.195	27.492	580.718
		1054	FF (3)				
			-55.(d)				
Factories No.	20,837	15 861	5.284	3,750	3,727	1,597	51,056
Persons employed(n) ,,	419,810	346,648	100,293	89,565	49,314	25,452	1,031,083
S. Salaries, wages paid(b) £'000.	326,615	262,750	00 000	=0.0=0	0.000		
. Value of fuel. &c., used	60,925	31.767	68 300 11.619	70,373	34,738	18,863	781.639
materials used ,,	802,617	616,666	224,416	12,897 169,136	8,046	3,127	128,381
			227,710	109,130	80,583	47,360	1,940,778
production(c) ,,	583,127	452,223	120,061	111.028	60,956	38,114	1.365.50
	1,446,669	1,100,656	356.096	293,061	14 ,585	88,601	3,434,66
land & buildings,,		186,324	46 187	42,133	30,230	29,603	555 996
plant & m. hnry.,,	258.593	226.347	76 367	52.145	54.958	29.879	698,299

⁽a) Average over whole year: includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Value of production equals figures in line 7 tess totals of figures in lines 4 and 5. (d) Preliminary.

Value of Production(a)—Australia. (£'000.)

Class of Industry.	1938–39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55. (b)
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine					
and Quarry Products	5,146	21.893	23,287	26,567	31.504
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints.	5,572	20,946	22,170	26,229	30,306
Oils, Grease IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Con-	12,456	63,715	67,835	82,317	98,126
vevances	62,435	413,051	421,275	468.298	532,969
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	931	5,438	5,239	6,406	6.857
VI. Textiles and Fextile Goods (not dress) VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or	10,918	56,584	64,833	78,558	78,394
Footwear)	3,183	13,623	15,838	16,613	16.917
111. Clothing (except Knitted)	16,551	81,058	82,786	93,563	98.417
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco X. Sawmills, Joinery, Boxes, &c., Wood	41,601	141,053	164,333	177,881	186,539
Turning and Carving	9,461	58.082	58,245	65,731	74.237
XI. Furniture of Wood, Bedding. &c	4,200	19,320	19,315	21,367	23,657
binding, &c	14,559	68,234	68,293	79,312	90.540
III. Rubber	2,761	18,045	16,627	21,102	22,725
IV. Musical Instruments	136	1,416	1,378	1,845	2 065
XV. Miscellaneous Products	2,098	17,179	18,353	23,037	25 585
VI. Heat, Light and Power	11,409	25,230	33,055	38,219	46.671
Total	203,417	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045	1,365,509

⁽a) See note (c) on previous page. (b) Preliminary.

Average Amount of Salaries and Wages Paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39—Males Females	239.24	224 . 47	238.59	220 .95	235.49	212.09	231.84
	103.66	108 . 25	96.00	86 .44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1950-51—Males Females 1951-52—Males Females 1952-53—Males Females 1953-54—Males Females 1954-55(b)—Males Females	609.05	610.44	516 83	583.37	515.67	558.67	591.41
	338.08	355.57	289 82	322.03	279.55	322 46	338.12
	756.84	736.68	625 91	716.25	643.68	687.09	725.57
	428.40	436.60	354 96	405.70	351.30	404.71	422.04
	807.77	793.11	701.45	779.90	711.80	761.21	782.87
	473.28	483.46	400 48	451.80	400.32	448.58	467.79
	844.05	833.71	733 34	824.49	754.20	791.66	820.93
	499.19	510.96	418.23	465.95	421.93	477.84	493.10
	906.61	891.40	773 47	883.13	797.80	833.05	877.84
	514.94	529.63	431.68	477.11	434.21	487.12	509.56

⁽a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them. (b) Preliminary.

Average Number of Males and Females Employed(a) over whole Year, 1954-55.(c)

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males Females Masculinity(b)	 316,673 103,137 307	251,675 94,973 265	83,290 17,003 490	73,714 15,851 465	42,294 7,020 602	21,045 4,407 478	788,691 242,391 325

⁽a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Number of males per 100 females.

⁽c) Preliminary.

PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES-AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of	1938-	1951-	1952-	1953-	1954-	Nine M end Marc	ed
теш.	Quantity.	39.	52.	53.	54.	55.(a)	1955. (a)	1956.
Beer	Mill. gal. Mill. lb. Thousand '000 pair. Million	89 73.7 1,147 13,967 721	183 149.9 1,291 18,509 720	192 148.3 939 17,709 667	209 150.5 1,202 19,949 802	(b) 229 149.7 1,541 19,255 834	176.5 111.5 1,046 14,559 624	186.2 115.9 1,130 14,269 628
Cement Building Sheets Cement. Portland Cloth, Woven, Woollen(e) Coal—Black Brown	Mill. sq. yds. '000 tons Mill. sq. yds. '000 tons ''	9.5 868 31.8 12,608 3,663	23.3 1.237 29.1 19,170 8,096	24.3 1,439 28 6 18,545 8,075	26.1 1,700 22.8 19,424 8,731	27.7 1.922 28.2 19,352 9,668	21.0 1,432 21.5 14,443 7,095	20.1 1,488 20.4 14,068 7,710
$ \begin{array}{cccc} \text{ConfectioneryChocolate} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \text{Other} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \text{Copper, Refined}(d) & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \text{Electricity} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \text{Electric Motors} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \end{array} $	Mill. lb. '000 tons Mill. kWh Thousand	43.5 58.1 17.5 4,688 31.7	61.3 78.7 17.8 11,297 610.4	59.0 76.6 19.1 12,045 601.7	62.6 76.9 20.9 13,707 972.9	56.7 80.8 30.4 15,298 1187.6	37.7 60 6 22.0 11,219 913.6	42.5 62.1 22.5 12,396 848.9
Enamels. Natural and Synthetic	'000 gal.	575	2,093	2,108	2,699	3,624	2,373	3,044
Engines, Internal Combustion— Marine(ε)	Number '000 sq. yds.	2.957 2,889 7,605	2,112 30,352 16,470	1,232 21,446 15,418	1,357 27,467 16,185	1,316 48,044 17,375	1,016 39,354 12,940	935 63,098 12,697
Flour, Wheaten Fruit. Preserved(g) Gas(h) Gold (Mine Production)	'000 short tons Mill. lb. Mill. cub. ft. '000 fine oz.	1,373 150.7 21,472 1,621	1,721 256 1 40,391 909	1,726 228 4 40,722 1,038	1,609 338.6 42,100 1,111	1,538 313.9 43,322 1,080	1,146 263 8 31,843 815	1,120 252.1 32,441 775
Hosiery—Men's and Boys' Women's and Girls' Children's Ice Cream Iron and Steel—Pig Iron Ingot Steel Ingot Steel	'000 doz. pr. '', '', '' ''000 gal.' '000 tons '', '', ''	1,102 2,136 611 4,262 1,105 1,170	1,462 1,867 462 17,306 1,430 1,521	1,575 2,337 422 13,425 1,692 1,801	1,895 2,793 570 13,678 1,827 2,117	1,685 3,053 421 14,838 1,865 2,209	7,304 2,282 537 12,382 1,437 1,684	1,1 6 0 2,210 227 13,361 1,419 1,750
Jam Lacquers Lead(i) Malt. Barley and Wheaten Margarine—Table Other	'000 gal. '000 tons. '000 bush. '000 lb.	37.9 576 233 3,733 7,448 31,221	48.3 1,191 188 6,242 15,952 56,168	34.6 1,013 192 6,793 15,856 49,337	38.3 1,307 236 7.253 21,866 49,939	35.1 1,479 235 7,731 20,881 50,072	28.2 1,099 181 5,689 15,446 37,382	29.5 1,113 168 5.875 20,184 31,407
Meat, Canned(j) Newsprint Paints, Ready Mixed Refrigerators. Domestic Silver, Refined	'000 tons. '000 gal. Thousand '000 fine oz.	2,115 29.5	71.8 32.6 5,513 192.8 6,681	92.7 34.0 4,300 182 1 6,388	71.5 60.4 5,180 274.5 8,360	77.0 73.1 6,252 279.3 7,686	55.4 54.4 4,634 242 0 5,972	53.7 58.6 4,876 211.4 5,888
Slippers Soap Stoves, Cooking(k)Electric(l) Gas Solid Fuel	'000 pr. '000 cwt. Thousand	7,704 998 (m) 46.7 54.5	50.9 51.0	35.7	8,558 1,247 37.2 44.6 50.4	7,206 1,268 47.2 59.9 50.5	5,034 932 34.3 44.1 38.5	5,658 957 34.9 45.0 35.1
Sugar, Refined Sulphate of Ammonia	'000 tons	489 1,199	493 63 8 650 1,597	70 2 627	449 70 8 732 1,771	77.8 827	598	54.6 680
Tiles, Roofing—Terracotta Cement Timber, Sawn Native (n) Tobacco. Cigars and Cigarettes Vegetables, Preserved (o)	Million Mill. sup. ft. Mill lb.	39.7 4.5 717 23.3 10.3	48.9 66.5 1,393 33.5 100.4	46 9 1,340 36.3	1,395 41.8	52 5 1,438 44.8	39.5 1,074 32.7	47.5 41.0 1,106 34.4 62.3
Wool. Scoured Wool Tops Yarn, Woollen and Worsted Zine, Refined		105 25.2 32.5 69.8	121 24.8 36.5 84.1	26.5 35.6	32.8 45.9	30.9 42.6	22.9 31.8	32.5

⁽a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Includes wool in admixture with fibres other than rayon. (d) Excludes copper refined from imported blister copper. (e) Other than Diesel type. (f) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aeroplane. (g) Includes all types of preserved apples. (h) Made in gas-works only. (i) Includes lead in lead bullion, produced for export. (j) Excludes canned rabbit and poultry. (k) Domestic. (l) Excludes stovettes, cookers, &c. (m) Figures prior to 1948-49 not available on a comparable basis. (n) Includes sawn sleepers.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a)—AUSTRALIA.(b)

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

Norm .- Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

	1		1			
Industry.	1938–39.	1949-50.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53. (c)	1953-54. (d)

TOTAL NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION. (£'000.)

		(20 00	00.7			
$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{Agriculture} & & & & \\ \text{Pastoral}(e) & . & & \\ \text{Dairying} & . & & \\ \text{Poultry} & . & & \\ \text{Bee-farming}(f) & . & \\ \end{array}$	41,679 63,820 33,782 7,302 123	337,121	208,130 704,809 89,352 24,614 831	400,493 103,776	493,745 135,745	268,460 491,716 136,956 34,782 1,426
Total Rural	146,706	659,897	1,027,736	783,282	942,167	933,340
Trapping'f) Forestry(f) Fishing and Whaling(f) Mining and Quarrying	1,422 7,811 1,654 27,375	5,716 23,195 4,234 52,327	6,629 28,428 4,869 71,150	-,	5,595 40,064 6,897 109,671	5,074 41,720 7,741 104,875
Total Non-Rural	38,262	85,472	111,076	147,546	162,227	159,410
Total All Primary	184,968	745,369	1,138,812	930,828	1,104,394	1,092,750
Factories	203,417	661,532	843,872	1,024,867	1,082,862	1,227,045
Total All Industries	388,385	1,406,901	1,982,684	1,955,695	2,187,256	2,319,795

NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

A	1.						1		E.	1								
Agriculture	6			1	6	2	-	3	-		1	3	31	16	1	30	6	4
Pastoral(e)	9				100	11	-	5	-	47	3	8	56	16	2	55	10	7
Dairying	4	17	9		_	6	1 - 0	16	-	12	4	6	15	12	4	15	9	4
Poultry	1	1	1	2	15	7		19	7	3	14	4	4	1	1	3	18	7
Bee-farming (f)	0	0	4	0	1	11	0	2	0	0	1	10	0	2	5	0	3	2
Total Rural	21	4	3	82	8	1	124	7	1	92	5	7	108	8	1	105	8	0
Γ rapping (f)	0	4	1	0	14	3	0	16	1	0	15	10	0	12	11	0	11	6
Forestry (f)	1	2	7	2	17	11	3	8	10	4	9	3	4	12	2	4	14	3
Fishing and Whaling(f)	0	4	10	0	10	7	0	11	9	0	13	6	0	15	11		17	6
Mining and Quarrying	3	19	2	6	10	9	8	12	2	11	9	0	12	12	4		16	10
Total Non-Rural	5	10	8	10	13	6	13	8	10	17	7	7	18	13	4	18	0	1
Total All Primary	26	14	11	93	1	7	137	15	11	109	13	2	127	1	5	123	8	1
Factories	29	8	4	82	12	2	102	2	2	120	14	10	124	11	11	138	11	5
Total All Industries	56	3	3	175	13	9	239	18	1	230	8	0	251	13	4	261	19	6

⁽a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief, &c. (b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (d) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory for Mining and Quarrying. (e) Distributions of profits from the 1939–45 Wartime Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded. (f) Local value.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION(a) 1953-54.

(PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES.)

Note. - Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	N.S.W	7.	Victo	ria.		Q'l	and		S. A	ust		W	Aus	t.	T	as.	-	Aus	t.(b))
	Тота	L NI	ET VA	LUE	OI	PE	RODI	UCT	ION.	(£'	000	.)								
Agriculture	68,8 202,4 43,8 14,9	139	10 4	5,62 8,93 6,20 3,99	0 2 1	8 2	5,47 1,98 18,44 1,1	39	4	1,70 7,42 0,25 2,07	23	4	8,11 3,78 3,69 1,60 2	34 95 34			51	49 13	8,46 1,71 6,95 4,78 1,42	16 56 82
Total Rural	329,	766	23	5,14	9	16	7,2	18	10	1,6-	18	7	7,4	13	2	22,1	16	93	3,34	10
Trapping (d) Forest $y(d)$ Fishing and Whaling (d) Mining and Quarrying	12,9	342		2,04 9,47 83 7,27	34	1	7,7	51		4,3 1,0 5,0	73	1	3,6 1,8 3,9	87		3,5	32		5,07 1,72 7,74 14,87	20 41
Total Non-rural	75,	387	1	9,68	33	2	21,9	50	1	0,8	50	1	19,7	84		10,5	97	15	9,4	10
Total All Primary	405,	153	25	54,78	32	18	39,1	68	11	2,4	98	(7,2	27	:	32,7	13	1,09	2,7	50
Factories	520,	043	4(18,3	14	11	0,2	55	10	00,2	21		55,1	47		33,0	65	1,25	27,0	45
Total All Industries	925,	196	60	33,09	96	29	99,4	23	21	12,7	19	1	52,3	74		65,7	78	2,3	19,7	95
NET V	LUE OF	PRO	DUCT	ION	PE	R H	EAI	0	F Po	PUI	AT	ION.	£)	8.	d.)					
Agriculture Pastoral(c) Dairying Poultry Bee-farming(d)	20 1 59 8 12 16 4 7 0 2	1 8	27 44 19 5 0	1 19 1 15 3	8 2 5 6 4	42 63 21 0 0	0	1 11 5 1 2	53 60 13 2 0	1 6 1 12 4	1 9 0 11 9		8 17	8 5 2 10 8	29 23 15 3 0	14 2 7 3 1	11 2 8 4 5	30 55 15 3 0	6 10 9 18 3	4.
Total Rural	96 16	8	97	1	1	128	11	8	129	6	6	122	15	9	71	9	6	105	8	(
Trapping (d) Forestry (d) Fishing and Whaling (d) Mining and Quarrying	0 10 3 15 0 15 17 0	10		18	11 3 10 1	0	4 19 14 18	7 11 7 6	0 5 1 6	10 11 5 8	6 3 10 6	0 5 2 22	9 14 19 3	8 7 2 11	11 1	14 9 7 13	1 10 11 2	4 0	11 14 17 16	10
Total Non-Rural	22 2	9	8	2	1	16	17	7	13	16	1	31	7	4	34	5	0	18	0	
Total All Primary	118 19	5	105	3	2	145	9	3	143	2	7	154	3	1	105	14	6	123	8	
Factories	152 14	1 3	168	10	7	84	15	8	127	10	3	87	8	8	106	17	3	138	11	
		1372 1372					4		-	-		-		-	212			1-	19	9

⁽a) Includes amounts paid as bounty, relief. &c.
and Northern Territory except for Mining and Quarrying.
time Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory
(c) Distributions of profits from the Wartine Wool Disposals Plan have been excluded.

INDEXES OF QUANTUM OF FARM PRODUCTION.

(Base: Average 1936-37 to 1938-39=100.)

The indexes shown in this table relate to gross output of farm products (as defined by Australian Statisticians). They have been calculated by the fixed-base weighted aggregative method, the weights used being constant unit gross values for each farm product for the base period (1936–37 to 1938–39).

e Y	ear.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1950-51		108	109	106	109	116	107
1951-52		 103	105	97	103	112	100
1952–53		 121	126	108	121	131	118
1953-54		129	123	107	122	128	120
1954-55(a)		 120	126	116	122	132	119

⁽a) Preliminary estimate.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED. NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.) (£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
Houses Flats	56,507 1,173 3,448	51,046 2,050 3,033	13,103 254 995	17,188 186 607	17,426 836 793	5,397 171 312	1,880	915 (a) 106	163,462 4,670 9,559
mises— Office Other Factories Hotels, Guest	3,146 3,183 6,768	1,784 1,920 14,261	481 2,701 954	291 1.198 2,321	300 969 1,668	74 493 1,899	} 352 50	115 27	6,430 10,577 27,948
Houses, &c Educational Religious Health Clubs, Halls, &c. Miscellaneous	2,309 4,452 821 2,773 1,211 5,247	1,029 2,958 551 1,014 617 2,320	469 960 188 1,554 260 595	271 713 86 298 142 387	70 -816 159 1,614 286 1,233	43 926 35 66 142 307	345	119 156	4,212 11,042 1,872 7,396 2,775 10,639
Total	91,038	82 583	22,514	3,286	26,170	9,865	3,286	1,438	260,585

⁽a) Included with houses.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)													
Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.				
			Соми	IENCED	•								
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1953-54 1954-55 Mine Months ended- March, 1955 March, 1956	83,460 71,005 111,097 124,420 92,935	74,750 78,740 60,244 87,733 101,995 73,021 89,499	21,082 27,605 25,680 27,839 32,073 22,909 27,042	17,827 22,606 25,819 25,649 29,946 21,617 33,612	14,186 18,724 20,919 26,369 35,458 27,603 21,138	10,336 11,004 6,611 9,224 10,836 8,294 7,394	2.439 2,559 2,788 2,856 5,932 4,536 4,240	(b) (b) (b) (b) 1,605 1,129 1,741	(a)220,37 244,69 213,66 290,76 342,26 252,04 287,48				
			Сом	PLETED									
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1953-54 1954-55 Nine Months Ended- March, 1955 March, 1956	76,207 98,049 101,545 110,694 81,356	52,058 68,615 76,107 84,747 97,216 70,859 82,583	17,286 25,339 26,233 25,913 28,318 19,947 22,514	12.042 18,123 25,882 26,108 27,081 20,642 23,688	8,948 14,426 22,918 25,785 34,096 24,436 26,170	8,403 10,511 10,665 9,692 10,649 7,923 9,865	1,717 2,723 2,875 3,878 2,943 2,108 3,286	(b) (b) (b) (b) 1,653 1,274 1,438	(a)149,924 215,944 262,729 277,668 312,650 228,548 260,582				

1950-51		(a) 102,708 125,674 105,261 120,460 136,522 134,858	100.753 108.247 105,243	18,728 17,838 19,699 23,446 22,605	23,813 25,253 23,730 26,854 24,958	22,302 23,189 25,701 29,102 30,470	12,178 13,770 10,494 11,782 12,399 12,522	10.643 9,992	(b) (b) (b) (b) 1.573 1,476	(<i>a</i>) 254,113 313,165 283,213 309,374 348,786 342,124
March, 1956	::	134,858 15 ⁴ ,179			24,958 37,246	30,470 27,027	12,522	9,992	1,476	342,12

⁽a) Partly estimated. (b) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED, NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Material of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T. (a)	Aust.
Brick. Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) Fibro Cement Other	3,918 5,759 9,794 26	5,208 10,629 1.012 240	499 4,062 947 64	4,604 100 1,021 15	2,465 136 3,366 7	473 1,453 72	267 169 1	30 7 192 3	17,464 22,315 16,405 355
Total	19,497	17 089	5,572	5,740	5,974	1,998	437	232	56,539

(a) Includes flats.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

		1	подори				,			
Period.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N T. (a)	Aust.
				Сомм	ENCED					
1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55 Nine Months End March, 1955 March, 1956	ded—	(b)25,162 24,364 21,030 28,395 25,502 	26,949 23.506 16.254 20,915 22,674 17,081 16,343	10,698 11,995 9,381 8,513 7,784 5,849 5,432	7,966 8,510 7,967 6,792 7,190 5,197 6,470	6,970 7,730 7,012 7,608 8,575 6,540 5,051	4,122 3,584 2,285 2,665 2,867 2,212 1,826	877 312 528 355 640 429 448	(c) (c) (c) (c) 249 164 229	(b)82,744 80,001 64,457 75,243 75,481 56,719 54,600
				Comp	LETED.					
1950-51		(b)19.771 23.351 24.890 26,513 28.882	21,161 23,951 21,033 21,385 23,560	10,275 11,803 10,598 8,961 7,925	6,725 7,711 8,940 7,522 7,323	5,160 6,577 7,965 7,627 8,792	3,914 3,999 3,314 2,630 2,480	574 584 590 552 398	(c) (c) (c) (c) (e) 199	(b)67,580 77,976 77,330 75,190 79,559
March, 1955 March, 1956		21,393 19,497	17,540 17,089	5,832 5,572	5,544 5,740	6,184 5,974	1.854 1,998	308 437	119 232	58,774 56,539
		UNDE	R Cons	TRUCTIO	N AT I	END OF	PERIO	D.		
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55		(b) 31,793 32,806 28,946 30,828 27,448	27,341 26,896 22,053 21,581 20,692	4,943 5,135 3,918 3,470 3,329	6,529 7,395 6,464 5,750 5,602	5,764 6,917 5,951 5,932 5,715	3,558 3,143 2,114 2,149 2,536	981 708 646 449 691	(c) (c) (c) (c) (c) 211	(b) 80,909 83,000 70,092 70.159 66,224
March, 1955 March, 1956		29,682 26,752	21,119 19,938	3,487 3,189	5,393 6,329	6,288 4,785	2,507 2,364	570 702	206 208	68,255 64,267

(a) Includes flats. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS COMPLETED.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	N.T.	Aust.
1950-51	966 1,225	333 416	26 29	::	305 215	18 21	36 100	(b) (b)	1.684 2,006
1952–53	1,664 1,011 701	692 689 781	53 156 309	58 99 105	100 212 316	14 13 48	46 12	(b) (b) (c)	2,627 2,180 2,272
Nine Months Ended— March, 1955 March, 1956 (d)	579 541	594 840	230 160	87 82	220 373	27 48	12	(c) (c)	1,749 2,044

⁽a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted. (b) Not available (c) Included with houses. (d) In this period 2,034 flats were commenced, and 2,832 flats were under construction at the end of the period in Australia.

Section IV .- Oversea Trade.

COMPILED FROM INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

OVERSEA TRADE—STATES. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		(XA	000 1.	o.b. Port c	or Surpmen	(.)		
State or	Territo	ry.		1938–39.	1951-52.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55.
				IMPORTS.			1	1
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tarmania Northern Territory Australian Capital T Australia	erritory			53,088 40,46° 9,070 6,670 6,137 1,292 34	429,104 363,193 86,427 93,031 60,236 20,711 720 1	210,148 173,775 43,222 43,275 29,874 13,315 500 	280,537 237,683 55,631 51,472 42,595 13,049 642	346,096 297,494 68,883 64,804 50,648 15,129 688
				EXPORTS.(022,000	001,000	010,112
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	::			45,903 30,819 28,652 14,841 17,070 3,198	201,460 185,994 95,975 97,251 75,781 18,512 35	270,082 228,118 145,098 122,948 83,143 21,849	263,175 203,581 165,105 110,249 68,459 17,733 30	220,657 216,572 154,483 95,079 68,507 18,762
Australia				140,496	675,008	871,272	828.332	774,164

⁽a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

OVERSEA TRADE—AUSTRALIA.

(f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

				1	Exports.(a)		Value per Head of Population.							
Perio	od.	Total	Imports.		aports.(w)					Exports.				
		Trade.		Aust. Produce.	Re- exports.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Aust. Produce.	Re- exports.	Total.			
1938-39		£A'000 257,250	£A'000 116,754	£A'000 135,476	£A'000 5,020	£A'000 140,496	£ 37.1	£ 16.8	£ 19.6	£ 0.7	£ 20.3			
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55		1,728,431 1,385,381 1,509,941 1,617,906	1,053,423 514,109 681,609 843,742	863,291 820,057	7,981 8,275	675,008 871,272 828,332 774,164	202.6 158.6 169.6 178.0	123.5 58.9 76.6 92.8	78.2 98.8 92.1 84.3	0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9	79.1 99.7 93.0 85.2			
March, March,	1955	1,193,031 1,159,429	615,774 617,604	571,008 532,314	6,249 9,511	577,257 541,825	131.6 124.9	67.9 66.5	63.0 57.4	0.7 1.0	63.7 58.4			

⁽a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' stores in \$4'000 were: 1938-39, £2,106; 1951-52, £10,478; 1952-53, £11,696; 1953-54, £10,266; and 1954-55, £13,181.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

	Imports.					Exports.		Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)				
Period.		Mer- chandise	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.		
1938-39		113.217	3,537	116,754	121,533	18,963	140,496	+8,316	+15,426	+23,742		
1951-52		1,049,751 510,342 678,590 840,972	3,672 3,767 3,019 2,770	1,053,423 514,109 681,609 843,742	665,240 848,498 811,866 758,041	9,768 22,774 16,466 16,123	675,008 871,272 828,332 774,164	$\begin{array}{r} -384,511 \\ +338,156 \\ +133,276 \\ -82,931 \end{array}$	+6,096 +19,007 +13,447 +13,353	-378,418 $+357,163$ $+146,723$ $-69,578$		
March, 1956 March, 1956		614,168 615,401	1,606 2,203	615,774 617,604	565,313 531,647	11,944 10,178	577,257 541,825	-48,855 $-83,754$	$^{+10,338}_{+7,975}$	-38,517 -75,779		

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES. (£A'000 t.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	South Africa, Union of.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium.	Brazil.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	1,123		297		1		518	9	557	,.	1	3
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin;	775	161	188	6,083	1,237	120	219	6	13		7	308
non-alcoholic beverages	775 1.278	101	100	0,000	1,201		2.13		1		'	• •
3. Spiritubus and alcoholic liquors 4. Tobacco	755	::	420		36				101			2
5. Live animals	191				5	4	293	2				
6. Anin: al substances, not food-					000		701		01		-	
stuffs	289		13		380		781		31		1	1
7. Vegetable substances and												
fibres; cork and manufac-	629		8	170	908	111	864	5	324		230	21
tures: and synthetic nbres. 8. Yarns and manufactures fibres.	029		0	1,0	000							
textiles and apparel	39,823		37	17	13,560	13	9	2	1		2,035	
9. Oils, fats and waxes	676	5,631			1,742	31	53	905	9	12,198	28	126
0. Pigments, paints, varnishes	2,308		3						3		3	.,
1. Rocks, minerals and hydro-	000		000	13	101	94	9		1,073	8	12	2
carbons	338		989	13	101	94	9		1,010	0	14	~
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	153,111		8,033		25	219	182	12	48	1	2,895	
and machinery	100,111		0,000									
manufactures thereof	2,609	50	289	123	24	10,965	20	33	2		2	
14. Wood and wicker	274	1,281	3,969		4	1,332	1,010	7			15	475
15. Earthenware, cement, china,	0.504		96		4		13		1		919	
glass and stoneware	6,524		90		*		10		1		0.0	
16. Pulp. paper, paper manufac- tures and stationery	16,583		2,734		64	1	1,475		35		80	
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy	10,000		-,-									
goods, jewellery and time-									450		100	
pieces	2,295		1	15	25		1		457		186	
18. Optical, artical and scientine	1 000		96		2	1	3				38	
instruments	4,222		200		-	1	0					
pharmaceutical products &c.	11,364		175	16	13	7	46		238	17	123	5
20. Miscellaneous	23,463	5	779	160	202	84	240	51	135	2	329	6
21. Gold and silver: bronze specie							226					
	-											
Nine months ended—	268.630	7,128	18,128	6,597	18,333	12,982	5,962	1,032	3,029	12,226	6,904	949
March, 1956	272,530	12,483	17,625	15,303	19,561	9,472	6,059	2,040	3,315	11,675	7,454	1,649
	378.669	15,521	23,840	19,516	26,057	12,797	8,042	2,492	4,349	15,319	10,669	2,132
Year 1954-55	331,701	8,439	18,742	13,490	18,475	8,721	6,854	8.599	3,375	16,410	7.063	1,851
,, 1952–53	214.702	5,998	19,546	9,786	14,646	5,798	3,999	5,858	3,101	14,912	5.506	901
,, 1951–52	465,706	6,903	23,559	11,173	47,825	18,632	7,410	8,764	4,418	13,068	27,528	7,365
	40.004	215	8,806	957	3,272	1.029	2,087	(b)	291	744	1,122	81
,, 1938-39	46,094	210	0,000	001	0,212	1,020	2,001	(0)				

⁽a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55.

⁽b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries—continued. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

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Classes of Goods.	Czecho- slovakia.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Iran (Persia).	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total All Coun- tries.
 Foodstuffs of animal origin Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ; 	5	8	148		70	1,521	56	597		7	68	6,169
non-alcoholic beverages Spirituous and alcoholic liquors Tobacco Live animals Animal substances, not food-	6 4	85 163 1 27	51 8 5	1,430	565 32	26	788 12 82		::	4	64 4 10,148 11	15,702 1,550 15,114 535
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac-	12	50	6	1	30	5	20	18	••.1	17	35	2,806
tures: and synthetic fibres 8. Yarns and manufactured fibres,		84	386	599	197	38	143	34	21	64	2,204	13,047
textiles and apparel 9. Oils, fats and waxes 10. Pigments, paints, varnishes 11. Rocks, minerals and hydro-	786	4,127 684 8	3,388 97 379	14 14,638	3,747 127 27	6,993 27 443	3,003 725 32	42 11 5	5 15,404	162 22	5,048 805	85,190 72,970 4,335
carbons		6	64		49	19	13	7		61	1,802	5,526
and machinery 13. Rubber and leather and	445	4,761	11,419	1	2,113	6,245	2,291	628		2,911	39,042	240,142
manufactures thereof 14. Wood and wicker 15. Earthenware, cement, china,	1 14	161 23	115 37	22 95	123 35	17 138	4 17	258	1	27 710	2,061 2,484	17,790 13,711
glass and stoneware 16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac-	315	318	713		150	910	63	15		122	319	10,922
17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-	97	121	651		175	194	462	1,946		4,635	1,067	33,041
pieces	159	98	1,786		193	742	78	43		28	12	8,043
instruments 19. Chemicals, medicinal and	21	113	1,310		172	204	88			39	1,256	8,026
pharmaceutical products, &c. 20. Miscellaneous 21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	9 122	792 462	2,661 2,168	95 	311 921	233 455	878 1,005	67 124	1	156 503	2,767 3,282	22,434 38,348 2,203
Nine months ended— March 1956 March 1955 Year 1954-55 , 1953-54 , 1952-53 , 1951-52	1,996 1,789 2,331 2,147 1,019 6,513	12,092 10,836 14,689 11,793 9,253 22,390	25,892 22,070 30,838 21,365 13,582 32,718	16,970 17,500 22,529 21,972 21,544 25,530	9,037 8,515 11,740 11,182 5,225 27,712	18,210 13,263 18,422 6,545 4,692 43,582	9,760 9,098 13,081 9,618 5,954 14,975	3,799 4,833 6,510 4,737 2,420 11,650	15,432 2,461 5,934 47 323 2,292	9,468 10,417 13,516 10,230 6,786 27,537	72,948 76,767 102,157 73,254 85,168 109,141	617,604 615,774 843,742 681,609 514,109 1,053,423
,, 1938-39	572	1,172	(a) 4,710	8,117	781	4,666	799	432	956	1,079	16.699	(b)116,754

⁽a) Pre-War Germany.

⁽b) Includes outside packages not distributed according to countries.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Hong Kong.	India.	Ireland, Republic	Malaya, Federa- tion of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium (a)	Egypt.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin 2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin:	63,698	1,195	1,115	905	1,232	.,	2,351	53	3,156	63	431	400
non-alcoholic beverages 3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	32,603	4,699 168	2,721	1,469 10	1,124	310	2,422 24	9,272	2,138	17	402	98
4. Tobacco	2	::	13 2	12 12	2 1	::	2 11	188 70	10 274	1	4	::
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac-	61,305	2,118	22	637	1,268	889		286	13	256	14,405	476
tures; and synthetic fibres 8. Yarns and manufactured fibres.	539	10	1	2	2	2	1	185	2	15	1	
textiles and apparel 9. Oils, fats and waxes 10. Pigments, paints, varnishes 11. Rocks, minerals and hydro-	140 1,696 19	25	1 97 2	10 14 13	10 346	::	3 132 12	314 2,618 240	7 1,173 18	6 123	14 8	100
carbons 12. Metals, metal manufactures	3,478	2			30		3	419	2	11	1,351	3
and machinery 13. Rubber and leather and	13,800	58	106	287	1,895		499	8,193	389	628	52	13
manufactures thereof 14. Wood and wicker 15. Earthenware, cement, china,	1,074 337	2 23	1 9	310 11	6 5	2	47 5	263 1,202	71 4	33 99	1	10
glass and stoneware 16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac-	13				51		1	318	18	2		
tures and stationery 17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-	208	3	13	1	5		8	1,288	34	22		
pieces	50	8	23	5			1	139	10	22	4	
instruments 19. Chemicals, medicinal and	52	1		10	4		13	366	11	20		1
pharmaceutical products, &c. 20. Miscellaneous 21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	426 1,392 94	30 39 1	40 185 1,750	54 408 8,118	63 92	3	141 1,622	948 2,512 38	80 674	37 64 1	88 5	8 16
Nine months ended— March, 1956 March, 1955 Year 1954-55 , 1953-54 , 1952-53 , 1951-52	181,231 213,707 285,506 300,765 359,257 208,159	8,383 8,484 10,503 11,037 8,712 9,177	6,103 6,529 8,723 11,847 14,687 10,630	12,288 12,676 17,315 7,773 4,855 3,800	6,140 14,987 19,428 14,293 17,148 16,911	1,206 3,082 3,292 2,186 4,354 2,426	7,298 6,154 8,410 9,143 9,344 8,532	29,001 27,283 37,794 33,469 28,677 37,321	8,115 8,948 11,600 11,288 12,794 11,810	1,420 2,068 2,869 3,588 3,640 3,528	16,766 23,307 31,252 32,663 32,141 24,940	1,125 1,502 1,878 3,073 3,374 8,976
,, 1938-39	68,716	1,994	1,327	475	1,965	327	1,911	6,682	(b)	813	5,547	601

⁽a) Includes Luxemburg prior to 1954-55. (b) Included with Federation of Malaya.

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries—continued. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

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Classes of Goods.	France.	Germany, Federal Republic of.	Indonesia.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Iran (Persia.)	Poland.	Sweden.	U.S.S.R.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
 Foodstuffs of animal origin Foodstuffs of vegetable origin; 	233	1,514	228	791	222	105	38		37		2,020	87,276
non-alcoholic beverages Spirituous and alcoholic liquors Tobacco Live animals Animal substances, not food-	40	2,437	4,077 2	574	12,420 54 6 71	1,105 :: 11	10	862	114		20 1 	92,896 1,097 423 872
7. Vegetable substances and fibres; cork and manufac-	48,724	16,329	28	19,752	43,204	1,560	48	5,317	954		18,650	250,693
tures and synthetic fibres 8. Yarns and manufactured fibres.	5	17	3	138	2	28			2		590	1,657
textiles and apparel 9. Oils, fats and waxes 10. Pigments, paints, varnishes 11. Rocks, minerals and hydro-	8 2	54 409	10 2 28	403 198	380 1	22 14	4		160	::	93 40	1,534 9,360 644
carbons 12. Metals, metal manufactures	283	238	1	499	848	438		45	103		6,400	15,182
and machinery	53	146	374	392	921	199			264		8,704	42,379
manufactures thereof 14. Wood and wicker 15. Earthenware, cement, china,	1	2 8	2	16 1	1	3 51	4	::	15	::	10 4	2,194 2,166
glass and stoneware 16. Pulp, paper, paper manufac-	1	1		5	2						1	657
tures and stationery 17. Sporting material, toys, fancy goods, jewellery and time-	4	1	23	14							14	1,925
pieces	2	30			12						50	403
instruments 19. Chemicals, medicinal and	2	14	9	3	54				1		34	728
pharmaceutical products, &c. 20. Miscellaneous 21. Gold and silver; bronze specie	94 68	186 70	49 53	12 74	453 497	25 200	1	1	25 19		579 524 12	4,012 15,549 10,178
Nine months ended— March, 1956 March, 1955 Year 1954-55 ,, 1953-54 ,, 1952-53 ,, 1951-52	49,520 50,203 64,056 74,401 76,016 57,875	21,456 24,265 31,823 27,096 22,366 20,389	4,889 2,912 3,702 6,585 5,064 3,967	22,872 27,869 35,915 51,326 44,706 37,998	59,140 38,484 58,572 55.698 83,958 48,514	3,761 6,166 6,857 5.578 8,081 11,353	105 211 292 198 327 439	6,225 5,210 6,243 7,286 3,644 5,008	1,694 1,603 3,241 3,601 2,888 6,086	153 154 26,146 1,642	37.789 39,944 52,440 55.534 57,837 77,215	541,825 577,257 744,164 828,332 871,272 675,008
	9,386	(a) 2,652	1,380	1,211	4,865	1,039	3	426	637	278	19,562	140,496

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA. (£A'000.)

The state District	March Q	uarter.	Nine Months ended March.		
Statistical Class and Excise Division.	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.	
CUSTOMS.					
1. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	112	113	283	351	
2. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin	394	377	1,191	978	
3. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	586	626	1,993	2,044	
4. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	3,780	2,763	11,801	9,428	
5 Live Animals					
6. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured) not	2	7	6	14	
foodstuffs	45	45	154	175	
7. Vegetable Substances and Fibres	191	136	518	391	
w. Lains and handrated Land	2,611	2,165	7,614	7.127	
b. Textiles	796	618	2,094	1,959	
O. Alla Hata and Wayon	6,026	4,492	17,300	14,330	
9. Oils, Fats and Waxes 0. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	34	32	99	103	
1. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	13	7	33	27	
Wotels and Metal Manufactures	3,993	3,040	10,857	9,418	
2b. Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Ap-					
pliances &c	634	641	1,752	1,924	
2c. Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electri-					
cal)	2,159	2,027	6,332	5,941	
Ba. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	351	338	1,031	1,008	
3b. Leather and Leather Manufactures	22	31	65	83 1,188	
4. Wood and Wicker, raw and Manufactured	452 535	346 500	1,138	1,789	
5. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware	261	182	1,619	509	
6a. Pulp, Paper and Board	134	112	438	446	
6b. Paper Manufactures and Stationery 7. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery and Timepieces	507	418	2,296	2,298	
8. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments, &c	262	270	857	927	
9. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products,	202	2.0	00,		
Page 1	306	291	927	945	
0. Miscellaneous Goods (including Passengers' Baggage					
and Post Office Collections)	567	604	1,616	1,925	
Sundry Hadistributed Duties	43	92	130	210	
Duties under Industries Preservation Act	8	1	21	7	
Customs other Miscellaneous Receipts	64	88	254	235	
Total Customs	24,888	20,362	73,116	65,780	
Primage	2,143	1,809	6,511	6,098	
Total Customs and Primage	27,031	22,171	79,627	71,878	
EXCISE.					
	20,499	22,207	58,783	63,161	
Beer	1,227	1,570	4.656	5,326	
pirits	3,709	3,447	11,520	10,623	
Cohacco	7.304	8,945	21,138	25,862	
Petrol	2,805	5,510	9,172	14,163	
Playing Cards	12	12	37	36	
Signrette Papers and Tubes	245	217	763	680	
(atches	261	256	825	805	
toal	117	103	440	414	
Other Excise including Licences	102	97	367	390	
Total Excise	36,281	42,364	107,701	121,460	
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise		01.505	100000	100 00	
Revenue	63,312	64,535	187,328	193,338	
Refunds and Drawback Paid	1,554	1,922	4,589	5,445	

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

IMPORTS.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Class I.—Foodstuffs of Animal Origin.	1955.			
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.		1956.	1955.	1956.
Cheese Fish—	81	56	249	242
Fresh or preserved by cold process Preserved in airtight containers Other Lactose	494 1,189 157 42	336 1,237 124 39	1,113 2,886 416 94	1,265 3,566 464 129
Meats— Sausage casings (excluding synthetic) Other	155 23	80 16	446	282 62
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	73	39	202	159
Total, Class I	2,214	1,927	5,453	6,169
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate Fruit, dried, dates Grain and pulse Hops Nuts, edible Pickles and sauces Sago and tapioca Spices Sugar and sugar syrups Tea Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin	63 57 56 185 217 51 12 154 11 7,559 45	64 129 110 291 167 24 9 143 67 2,745 46 226	191 266 205 269 840 110 44 592 67 17,371 335 512	231 143 290 448 792 80 64 493 90 8,190 426 646
Total, Class II	9,789	6,065	25,530	15,702
CLASS III.—Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors. Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry Spirits (beverages)— Whisky	12 341 78 43	7 308 57 18	30 1,129 222 102	25 1,178 266 88
Total, Class III.	474	390	1,483	1,55

Particulars.		March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.		
			1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.						
Cigarettes			655	124	1,715	736
Cigars			21	18	80	84
Snuff]
Tobacco—						
Manufactured			45	27	104	8
Unmanufactured			7,352	5,814	13,109	14,210
Total, Class IV.			8,073	5,983	15,008	15,114
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS			296	296	501	538
				10 140 Ha		
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBST FOODSTUFFS.	ANCES,	NOT				
Coarse hair and fibre			149	209	401	703
Hides and skins—						
Calf and cattle			13	7	94	4
Furred skins			129	110	427	43
Goat			67	60	240	17
Other			17	16	60	6
Shells			68	56	186	179
Silk, raw			15		46	7 00
Wool			750	306	1,482	1,02
Other animal substances			39	46	133	16
Total, Class VI.			1,247	810	3,069	2,80
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUB FIBRES; CORK AND MA AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.						
Copra			541	609	1,602	1,643
Cork and manufactures Fibres—			204	124	491	429
Coir			68	42	184	15
Cotton, raw			1,786	1,684	6,070	4,82
Flax and hemp			33	72	100	21.
Jute			117	98	502	43
Kapok			76	54	297	22
Synthetic fibres and filame	ents		203	373	757	1,08
Other			268	280	955	1,00
Gums and resins			335	304	966	1,22
Seeds—			400	085	1,000	1.04
Gardening, agricultural and	i horticu	iltural	489	375	1,082	1,040
Oil seeds			42	32	175	180
Tanning substances			136	149	410	450
Other vegetable substances			88	45	206	128
			4,386	4,241	13,797	13,04

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres— Bags and sacks—				
Corn and flour	1,258	1,158	6,287	6,641
Woolpacks	1,099	402	2,158	1,303
Other	38	49	81	237
Cordage and twines and manufac-	770	20	204	
tures thereof Sewing and other cotton	116	62	305	265
Yarns—	608	479	1,627	1,568
Cotton	990	632	2,539	1,844
Hair	105	150	181	246
Synthetic fibre	2,084	2,152	6,478	6,826
Woollen	66	69	165	144
Other	34	46	73	133
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	10	5	35	19
Total, Class VIII.(a)	6,408	5,204	19,929	19,226
(b) Textiles—	00			
Blankets and blanketing Floor coverings	92	99	194	189
Articles of furnishing, drapery and	2,864	2,477	8,959	7,928
napery— Handkerchiefs, serviettes and				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths	255	187	1,184	1,172
Other	172	117	509	450
Piece-goods—				100
Canvas and duck	319	289	1,055	973
Cotton and linen	10,347	8,496	31,676	27,418
Fabrics and felts, impregnated	269	213	761	689
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth	707	071	0.000	0.401
Synthetic Chas	797 3,661	651	2,026	2,431
S;11,	231	2,790	11,333	10,191 724
Velvets, velveteens, &c.	743	643	1,277	1,174
Woollen	719	-501	1,402	1,206
Felts	178	136	400	464
Other	283	199	771	642
Towels and towelling	331	184	1,078	755
Other textiles	159	165,	458	523
Total, Class VIII.(b)	21,420	17,344	63,779	56,929
(c) Apparel—				
Buttons, including snap fasteners	95	73	253	237
Footwear	273	193	769	724
Garments— Knitted—	1601412-10-1			
Hogiony	368	149	944	460
Outowwoon	370	155	559	259
Underwear	45	18	178	84
Other	28	147	72	238

Particulars.	March Q	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	195 6 .	
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED					
FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.			1		
(c) Apparel—continued.					
Garments—continued.	1000000		300		
Not knitted—			1		
Outerwear	555	384	895	80	
Sleeping wear, underwear,					
shirts and other sewn gar-	10	0.1	700	0.4	
ments	43	21	190	243	
Gloves	554	458 212	1,384	1,104	
Hats and caps Trimmings and ornaments—	263	212	140	07	
Embroidery in the piece	110	176	339	63	
Lace, nets and veilings	746	499	2,159	1,72	
Ribbons and galloons	92	72	312	230	
Other	362	248	931	90	
Other apparel	291	238	819	71	
Total, Class VIII.(c)	4,195	3,043	10,552	9,03	
Total, Class VIII	32,023	25,591	94,260	85,190	
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES. Fats, greases and waxes	260	230	997	64	
Oils—					
Castor	51	61	147	150	
Linseed	281	169	982	913	
Olive	234	183	589	56	
Peanut (china) Petroleum—	51	137	228	31	
Crude	7,863	12,436	19,553	30,53	
Kerosene (including aviation turbine fuel)	1,626	1,660	5,419	5,34	
Lubricating (mineral)	1,710	1,066	4,236	3,64	
Residual and solar	3,339	1,065	11,355	4,98	
Spirit	8,841	6,344	25,710	22,15	
Turpentine substitutes	223	315	686	88	
Other	168	949	453	1,71	
Tung (china wood)	50	139	212	37	
Other	281	273	1,082	75	
Total, Class IX	24,978	25,027	71,649	72,97	
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VAR-					
NISHES.					
Colour pigments— Black	320	324	1,038	1,08	
Titanium oxide and titanium white	556	453	1,036	1,01	
Other	258	282	709	75	
Dyes, natural and synthetic	461	404	1,238	1,28	
Paints, colours and varnishes	70	57	203	19	
Total, Class X	1,665	1,520	4,224	4,33	

Particulars,	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	195 6.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFAC-				
TURES AND MACHINERY—continued. (a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—continued.		126786		
Wire, single strand—				
Iron and steel	703	895	1,487	2,955
Copper and copper base alloys	25	20	114	53
Other Wire manufactures—*	70	88	192	256
Aluminium and aluminium-base				
alloys electrical conductor	3	20	89	183
Iron and steel	621	441	1,481	1,555
Other	5	6	23	26
Other metals and semi-manufac- turest	540	553	1,367	1,470
Other metal manufactures	2,041	2,427	6,416	6,667
Total, Class XII.(a)	51,453	44,514	132,515	133,682
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Elec-				
trical Appliances and Equipment—	114	01	200	275
Batteries and accumulators	114 455	91 551	302 1,346	1,630
Cable and wire, covered Communication equipment includ-	400	001	1,010	1,000
ing radio and television	901	2,226	2,750	4,691
Dynamo electrical machines—			2 200	0.550
Electrical motors	745	819	2,300	2,550 2,956
Other	478 324	1,067 233	2,313 815	807
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines—	021	200	010	
Sparking plugs and parts	188	70	461	253
Other	72	66	208	203
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, &c	438	401	1,258	1,151
Measuring and recording instru-	210	426	524	1,207
Protective equipment	217	250	541	777
Regulating, starting and controlling				
apparatus	1,318	1,503	3,404	4,098
Transformers and rectifiers	594	722	1,686	2,604
Other electrical machinery and appliances	739	1,021	2,063	2,690
Total, Class XII.(b)	6,793	9,446	19,971	25,892
(c) Machines and Machinery (except				
Dynamo Electrical)—	407	301	1,023	837
Air and gas compressors Agricultural, horticultural, &c.,	407	301	1,020	001
machinery—				
Harvesting	194	216	2,232	1,824
Other	583	409	1,862	2,302
Cranes, hoists and other lifting	225	308	805	673
machinery Dairying machinery	200	275	562	775
and the state of t	666	553	1,601	1,497

^{*} For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII.(b). in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

[†] Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
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CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDRO-				
CARBONS.	100	161	400	
Abrasives (natural)	192 774	151 494	462 2,397	1,905
Sulphur	659	791	1,914	2,013
Other rocks, minerals, &c	457	338	1,390	1,161
Total, Class XI	2,082	1,774	6,163	5,526
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY. (a) Metals and Metal Manufactures— Aluminium and aluminium-base				-
alloys (excluding wire and cable)	1,128	1,053	2,915	3,551
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers	168	186	494	505
Chain and chains of base metal Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable)—	198	202	488	569
Pig	2,868	18	6,488	2,085
Other	659	363	1,543	1,107
Cutlery	688	562	1,887	1,848
Fencing posts and droppers	114	96	564	386
Heating and cooking appliances Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys)—	399	285	981	989
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, &c Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump	2,501	3,128	5,634	10,768
form)	391	126	746	888
Pig, scrap and powder Pipes, tubes and fittings	2	3	7	(
therefor	665	325	1,921	1,098
Plate and sheet—	1,248	488	4,676	2,255
Galvanized Plain	3,284	1,596	6,888	5,514
Tinned, plated, polished and	0,201	1,000	0,000	0,013
decorated	5,084	3,434	11,453	9,130
Structural	973	781	2,296	2,923
Kitchenware	111	107	314	368
Lamps and lampware	99	169	322	519
Leaf and foil	252 574	326 505	631 1,842	954 1,662
Meters and parts Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide	011	000	1,042	1,002
fasteners	97	82	236	257
Tin	111	93	231	248
Tools of trade Vehicles—	1,237	1,073	3,419	3,326
Aircraft and parts	3,311	2,510	6,585	6,016
Cycles and cycle parts	122	227	428	619
Motor cycles, side-cars, &c	468	393	1,216	1,007
Motor vehicles— Complete)	2,865)	9,608
Bodies and parts	219,731	2,096	> 54,071	5,443
Chassis and parts		15,572	02,0.2	43,084
Railway and tramway vehicles				
(including trolley buses) and	105	×0.	040	7 700
parts	135	524	843 2,227	1,126
Other and parts	827	876	2,221	2,667

Particulars.	March G	uarter.	Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFAC-				
TURES AND MACHINERY—continued.				
(c) Machines and Machinery (except				
Dynamo Electrical)—continued.				
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating)—				
Vacuum cleaners	131	113	528	20
Washing machines	240	149	858	324
Other	263	136	616	46
Metal-working machinery—	200	100	010	426
Machine tools	1,456	1,736	3,764	5,18
Other	672	1,770	2,145	3,869
Motive power machinery—		7,		0,000
Aircraft engines and parts	1,363	1,742	3,795	4,816
Power boilers and parts	221	211	623	723
Tractors and parts	5,448	4,928	16,024	13,469
Turbines and parts	592	913	1,337	2,41
Other and parts	3,123	3,815	9,498	10,060
Office and accounting machines	1,633	1,754	4,135	5,034
Printing machinery	545	827	1,484	2,310
Pumps	210	255	684	869
Refrigerating appliances	324	287	1,005	709
Roller and ball bearings	931	938	2,032	2,540
Sewing machines	866	723	2,992	2,54
Stone-cutting, road-making and				
mining machinery	1,790	1,908	5,887	5,329
Textile-working machinery and				
appliances—				
Knitting machines	299	174	900	654
Other	710	799	2,016	2,238
Other machines and machinery	3,236	2,722	8,853	8,689
Total, Class XII.(c)	26,328	27,962	77,261	80,568
Total, Class XII	84,574	81,922	229,747	240,142
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CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND				
MANUFACTURES THEREOF.				
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures— Rubber—				
0 1 1 1 1	3,528	3,845	8,942	10 40
Cubatitutes	62	914	186	12,425
Rubber manufactures—	02	314	100	1,682
Elastics and rubber thread	319	248	921	758
Transa and tubes	657	485	1,676	1,470
Other	288	294	735	847
Total Class VIII (a)	4,854	5,786	12,460	17,182
		5,700		17,102
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures—	0.4	0.4	050	OFF
Leather	94	84	270	277
Leather manufactures	90	129	258	33]
Total, Class XIII.(b)	184	213	528	608
Total, Class XIII	5,038	5,999	12,988	17,790

Particulars.	March Q	uarter.	Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, includ-)	1	1	
ing plywood, veneers and corestock	502	359	1,150	1,393
Dressed, bent or cut into shape	918	385	1,899	1,235
Undressed (including logs)	3,427	3,106	9,211	10,948
Wicker, bamboo and cane	45	42	148	135
Total, Class XIV	4,892	3,892	12,408	13,711
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE.			100	
Abrasives (synthetic)	291	185	712	556
Cement	228	28	693	173
Crockery and other householdware	1,422	1,078	4,017	3,844
Classwans	811 561	946 450	2,858 1,766	2,704 1,821
Porcelain for electrical purposes	81	128	192	387
Tiles	331	373	902	1,040
Other earthenware, china, &c	104	155	250	397
Total, Class XV	3,829	3,343	11,390	10,922
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.				
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board—	1 1			
Millboard and other boards	472	385	1,397	1,184
Paper— Printings—				
Newsprint	4,583	2,469	10,086	8,741
Other	1,511	1,089	3,782	3,692
Tissue and tissue cap (including				
cigarette)	520	388	1,631	1,262
Wrapping and bag papers	1,267	924	3,165	2,479
Writing and typewriting Other	734 574	572	1,495	1,660
Pulp for manufacturing paper	1,141	519 1,083	1,349 3,604	1,38' 3,870
Total, Class XVI. (a)	10,802	7,429	26,509	24,28
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery—				
Books (printed), directories, &c	1,488	1,645	4,544	5,409
Pens and pencils—				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	252	241	977	014
Other	89	59	877 273	210
Other paper manufactures, station-	.00	50	210	,41
ery, &c	661	592	2,102	2,32
Total, Class XVI.(b)	2,490	2,537	7,796	8,760

Particulars.	March Q	uarter.	Nine Mont Marc	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XVII.—Sporting Material, Toys,				
FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIME-		3		
PIECES.				
Fancy goods	311	226	1,276	1,317
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery	325	211	1,309	1,030
Precious stones, unset	146	305	770	869
Sporting material	143	120	455	436
Timepieces— Clocks and clock movements	311	286	1,032	1,046
Watches and watch movements	365	311	1,504	1,533
Toys	250	219	1,693	1,812
Total, Class XVII	1,851	1,678	8,039	8,043
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CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLI-		0	100	
ANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.			6	
Cameras and magic lanterns and acces-		4		
sories therefor	443	414	1,282	1,318
Cinematographs	203	109	494	362
Films for cinematographs	498	443	1,364	1,26
Photographic goods	157	119	418	427
Instruments and materials—	000	225	000	001
Optical and ophthalmic	238	225	980	992
Surgical and dental	620	594	1,666	1,812
Other scientific instruments and appliances	584	646	1,684	1,846
Total, Class XVIII	2,743	2,550	7,888	8,026
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND				
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSEN-				
TIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS.	392	418	1,061	969
A 1 12 2 C	224	286	697	89
Alcohols and spirits	170	179	586	54
Drugs and medicinal preparations—				
Antibiotics	409	605	1,276	1,16
Vitamin and vitamin preparations	93	91	362	31
Other	1,657	1,772	3,971	5,05
Essential oils	168	123	428	39
Fertilizers—	113	54	398	38
Potash salts	388	497	1.558	2,10
041	185	72	1,000	39
Perfumery and toilet preparations	138	155	523	55
Soap and substitutes	119	117	385	56
Sodium cyanide	50	58	141	16
Styrene (monomer)	135	122	328	37
Tetraethyl lead	288	275	584	54
Chemi al compounds, n.e.i	2,099	2,036	6,358	7,25
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i	250	248	679	779
Total, Class XIX	6,878	7,108	20,335	22,434

Particulars.		March (Quarter.		ths ended rch.
		1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.					
Antiques, paintings, works of art		140	43	376	166
Arms, ammunition and explosives		1,301	348	2,249	908
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, &c.		155	116	700	638
Brushware Military, Naval and Air Force store	s and	91	64	281	253
equipment		882	844	2,012	3,672
Musical instruments and parts—	J.	237	074	707	7.050
Gramophones, &c., including recor		180	274 166	737	1,076
Ontaide made ma		3,967		506	550
Packings for engines, boilers, &c.		417	3,773 317	11,304 1,039	11,141
Passengers' effects		752	985	2,036	982 2,823
Drofo briggs to d building		85	197	823	578
Specialized equipment for large projects—	-scale	00	137	020	510
Electric power station		32	110	181	181
Oil refining		487	30	1,136	449
Other		537	214	1,776	922
Synthetic resins		1,461	1,173	4,089	3,120
Vessels (ships) Wall and ceiling boards, parts and	d de-	798	2,192	2,252	4,780
corations		310	71	686	566
All other articles	•••	1,381	2,037	3,748	5,543
Total, Class XX		13,213	12,954	35,931	38,348
Total, Merchandise		223,537	203,036	614,168	615,401
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BI SPECIE.	RONZE				
Gold, including gold in matte Silver, including silver in matte	::	402	1,363 19	1,575 31	2,163 40
Total, Class XXI		405	1,382	1,606	2,203
SUMMARY.					
Importing States—					
New South Wales		93,379	83,419	248,574	249,849
Victoria		78,703	78,223	220,148	228,132
Queensland		16,579	13,070	50,829	45,120
South Australia		18,345	15,647	48,951	49,405
Western Australia		13,118	10,483	36,444	34,952
Tasmania		3,521	3,287	10,329	9,326
Northern Territory		297	289	499	820

VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

EXPORTS. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Particulars.	March G	uarter.	Nine Mor Ma	nths ended rch.
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
Class I.—Foodstuffs of Animal Origin.				
D 44	0.001	0.00=	7=001	07.000
OIL	8,261	6,607	17,824	21,938
	1,859	572	4,279	2,309
Eggs	1,448	660	5,704	4,785
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process	921	925	1,126	1,243
Ghee	106	65	286	252
Honey	198	275	538	817
Infants' and invalids' foods	402	408	1,044	1,182
Margarine	30	3	54	21
Bacon and hams	73	52	314	183
Meat extracts	208	45	648	562
Preserved by cold process—				
Beef and veal	5,075	3,104	17,566	18,455
Lamb	2,356	1,564	9,673	7,418
Mutton	444	573	1,262	1,545
Offals	735	480	2,040	2,316
Pork	225	63	703	264
Poultry	71	32	473	319
Rabbit and hare	262	318	1,027	1,120
Preserved in airtight containers	4,205	2,997	15,911	13,551
Sausage casings	531	480	1,430	(a) 1,542
Other Milk and cream—	171	71	609	284
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	1,327	1,023	2,841	3,129
Dried, including malted	1,357	1,257	3,551	3,697
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	100	125	345	344
Total, Class I.	30,365	21,699	89,248	87,276
Class II.—Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin; Non-alcoholic Beverages.				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	82	73	289	000
	74	44	289	289 219
		77		546
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate		207	216	
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals	89	207	346	
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes		207 184	346 553	347
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit—	89			
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried—	89 232	184	553	347
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants	89 232 63	184	553 562	347
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins	89 232 63 672	184 19 141	553 562 4,433	347 449 3,813
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins Other	89 232 63	184	553 562	347
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins Other Fresh—	63 672 175	184 19 141 64	553 562 4,433 656	347 449 3,813 276
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins Other Fresh— Apples	89 232 63 672 175 547	184 19 141 64 312	553 562 4,433 656 819	347 449 3,813 276 954
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins Other Fresh— Apples Citrus	63 672 175 547	184 19 141 64 312 7	553 562 4,433 656 819 676	347 449 3,813 276 954 735
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins. Other Fresh— Apples. Citrus Other	89 232 63 672 175 547	184 19 141 64 312	553 562 4,433 656 819	347 449 3,813 276 954 735 505
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins. Other Fresh— Apples. Citrus Other	63 672 175 547	184 19 141 64 312 7	553 562 4,433 656 819 676	347 449 3,813 276 954 735
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins Other Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Frozen Preserved in tins and other airtight	63 672 175 547 19 716	184 19 141 64 312 7 462	553 562 4,433 656 819 676 741	347 449 3,813 276 954 735 505
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate Foods for animals Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes Fruit— Dried— Currants Raisins Other Fresh— Apples Citrus	89 232 63 672 175 547 19 716	184 19 141 64 312 7 462	553 562 4,433 656 819 676 741	347 449 3,813 276 954 735 505

⁽a) Excludes synthetic casings.

Particulars.		3	March Q	uarter.	Nine Month	
			1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
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CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC		TABLE				
—continued.	DEVE	RAGES				
Grain and pulse—		1				
Prepared—						
Breakfast foods			177	118	356	459
Flour (wheaten)—			0.100	4.155	TATOS	10.004
Plain white Other			6,402	4,155 109	14,785 710	13,984 377
D'			461	305	1,533	1,649
Other]	284	233	766	764
Unprepared—			201	200	.00	.01
Barley			5,062	2,921	8,053	5,070
Maize			76	1	159	68
Oats			515	1,222	793	2,373
Peas (not split)			258	68	397	200
Sorghum			114		572	166
Wheat Other			13,058	11,891 210	34,137	30,680 710
Jams and fruit jellies			76	210	298	168
Soups	• •		165	59	368	256
Sugar (cane)			7,337	4,433	26,391	18,471
Tea			100	48	275	106
Vegetables—						
Preserved in liquid or pulp	oed		99	41	224	146
Other			83	81	306	259
Other foodstuffs of vegetable	origin		112	90	357	382
Total, Class II.			40,946	29,506	109,347	92,896
CLASS III.—Spirituous and Liquors.	ALCO	OHOLIC				
Ale, beer, cider, &c			165	129	392	378
Spirits (beverages)			94	72	267	195
Wine			196	176	565	524
Total, Class III.			455	377	1,224	1,097
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.						
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff			27	40	87	273
Tobacco			40	36	167	150
Total, Class IV.			67	76	254	423
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.						
Cattle			75	64	256	396
Horses			55	26	184	154
Sheep			102	94	247	252
Other live animals			24	18	64	70
Total, Class V.			256	202	751	872

Particulars.	March (Quarter.		nths ended rch.
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
Or and VI Average Surpage and Floor				
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD)-			
STUFFS.	+			
Hides and skins—				
Calf, cattle and horse	. 635	580	1,530	1,96
	. 68	67	235	25
Opossum	. 1		32	1
Rabbit and hare	. 251	232	803	1.51
Sheep and lamb	. 4,028	3,279	12,395	11,86
Other (including sheepskin and lamb)-		,	-2,00
skin pieces)	=0	66	243	25
Pearl-shell	010	221	611	68
Troobus shall	170	146	461	
Wool—	. 112	140	401	56
Change	09 919	60 479	001 550	202.00
	. 92,218	62,473	231,778	202,86
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized	,	0.001		
tops, noils and waste	. 10,781	9,334	31,122	30,17
Other animal substances	. 161	132	423	53
Total, Class VI.	108,634	76,530	279,633	250,693
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND				
FIBRES; CORK AND MANUFACTURES	;			
AND SYNTHETIC FIBRES.				
Seeds	527	655	848	1,098
Tanning substances	010	177	320	428
Other vegetable substances	-0	36	138	134
			100	105
Total, Class VII.	793	868	1,306	1,657
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CLASS VIII YARNS AND MANUFACTURE				
FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL.				
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres-				
Waste materials and scrap from				
textile articles	100	166	571	000
Yarns—	100	100	941	662
Weellen	32	0	774	
Other		6	154	32
	95	18	164	79
Other manufactured fibres	29	14	94	72
Total, Class VIII.(a)	352	204	983	845
(b) Textiles—				
Displace and blanketing	2	,		1
Piece goods—	Z	1	8	6
Catton	26	20	100	0.0
111 1 1 1 C C	20	20	108	83
-41	144	20	2-2	
other synthetic fibres	44	20	256	86
Woollen	26	18	82	49
Other	15	15	52	62
	54	23	181	140
Other textiles	0.1			

Particulars.	March Q	narter.	Nine Mont Marc	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—continued.				
(c) Apparel— Footwear	16 31 20 34	16 32 12 22	55 114 66 126	54 96 38 75
Total, Class VIII.(c)	101	82	361	263
Total, Class VIII	620	383	2,031	1,534
a,				
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES. Fats and waxes, &c.— Edible animal fats, excluding tallow	40	12	128	55
Fatty acids Tallow, edible and inedible Other	28 582 37	41 774 27	1,366 120	151 2,541 128
Oils— Retroleum and shale Whale Other	135 1 44	2,193 3 31	900 1,480 134	4,824 1,475 186
Total, Class IX	867	3,081	4,212	9,360
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES. Lead oxides	43 110 60	37 66 45	164 300 216	171 305 168
Other pigments, paints and varnishes	213	148	680	644
Total, Class X		140		011
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS. Asbestos, crude and fibre	90 73 242 20	56 41 189 171	· 199 264 935 103	473 267 579 345
and wastes— Lead and silver-lead Titanium and zirconium Tungsten Zinc Other Other stones and minerals	1,319 725 810 679 310 76	687 1,056 828 602 187 109	3,108 2,169 2,345 2,392 1,155 285	2,922 3,237 2,732 3,204 1,155 268
Total, Class XI	4,344	3,926	12,955	15,182

Particulars.	March Quarter.		Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFAC- TURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures—				
Metals and semi-manufactures—	0.1			
Cadmium	61 84	39 26	193	177
Copper-base alloys	93	72	1,338 416	2,834 390
Iron and steel	1,428	1,055	4,808	3,961
Lead—			7,000	0,002
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	1,856	158	5,032	3,134
Pig	3,825	2,957	13,218	13,472
Other Zinc	593 1,167	694 801	1,289	1,253
Other metals and semi-manufac-	1,107	001	3,196	3,168
tures of metal	53	25	206	203
Metal manufactures—				
Builders' and engineering	00			
hardware Tools of trade	88	60	318	238
Walialas and marks	89 791	51 570	311 2,385	$\frac{245}{2,050}$
Window louvres	133	82	388	399
Other metal manufactures	510	465	1,820	1,824
Total, Class XII.(a)	10,771	7,055	34,918	33,348
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment— Batteries and accumu.ators Communication equipment Other electrical appliances	101 157 229	63 179 195	331 567 842	324 678 890
Total, Class XII.(b)	487	437	1,740	1,892
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)—				
Aircraft engines and parts Agricultural horticultural &c.	397	134	1,067	424
machinery	384	118	1,002	861
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	124	155	385	426
Motive power machinery	268	306	789	1,041
Personal massage appliances	83	56	233	350
Pumps, machinery	144	36	379	212
Refrigerating appliances	90 860	1,234	322 2,849	268 3,557
Other machines and machinery				
Total, Class XII.(c)	2,350	2,106	7,026	7,139
Total, Class XII	13,608	9,598	43,684	42,379

Particulars.	March Q	uarter.	Nine Montl Marc	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND	į.			
MANUFACTURES THEREOF.			1	
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	191	86	580	442
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures— Leather—				
Hide leathers—	7.07	222	400	000
Sole	181	111	469	360
Other	405	330	1,038	1,136
Sheep and lamb	36	25	142	82
Other	23	26	87	91
Leather manufactures		30	96	83
Total, Class XIII.(b)	674	522	1,832	1,752
Total, Class XIII	865	608	2,412	2,194
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.	350 001,009			
Sleepers, railway	147	71	274	517
Timber	389	209	1,149	1,317
Wood and wicker manufactures	108	70	359	332
Total, Class XIV	644	350	1,782	2,166
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT,				
CHINA, GLASS AND STONEWARE	193	168	859	657
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY. (a) Pulp, Paper and Board	142	62	330	329
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery— Books (printed), periodicals, news-				
papers, &c	327	296	1,001	1,014
Paper manufactures and stateonery	144	132	678	582
Total, Class XVI.(b)	471	428	1,679	1,596
Total, Class XVI	613	490	2,009	1,925
CLASS XVII.—Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Time-				
Precious stones, unset—pearls, &c	38	45	127	143
Sporting goods	50	50	187	178
Other	44	21	134	82
Total, Class XVII	132	116	448	403
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS, N.E.I.				
Films for cinematographs, &c	88	34	235	155
Photographic goods and materials	107	77	375	330
Other optical, surgical and scientific in-	107	11	313	550
struments and materials	117	60	375	243
		171		728

Particulars.	March Q	uarter.	Nine Months ended March.	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS XIX.—CHEMICALS, MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, ESSENTIAL OILS AND FERTILIZERS. Acids		6	67	32
Drugs and medicinal preparations—		=0	100	
Acetylsalicylic acid	. 44	78 196	123 974	179
Uther	34	69	117	824 192
Perfumery and toilet preparations .	. 53	51	146	157
Soap	. 69	42	206	162
Other chemicals, elements and com		12	200	102
pounds	. 460	621	1,294	2,008
cluding fertilizers)	. 147	111	530	458
Total, Class XIX	. 1,147	1,174	3,457	4,012
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS. Arms and ammunition Exports by the Commonwealth Government for Australian Government pro	-	15	121	166
jects being carried out abroad and for Australian representatives abroad. Exports made with the intention of re importing including exports by Australian Airways companies for servicin	292	587	631	1,738
their own aircraft abroad Military, Naval and Air Force stores an	. (a)	843	(a)	3,086
equipment Synthetic resins Unclassified exports valued at less tha	. 408	551 66	1,477 490	2,891 414
£50 for any one consignment.	604	932	1,133	3,324
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad .	. 67	105	309	666
All other articles	. 1,260	880	3,875	3,264
Total, Class XX	. 2,802	3,979	8,036	15,549
Total, Merchandise	. 207,876	153,450	565,313	531,647
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZ	E			
SPECIE.				
			1	0.040
Gold, including gold in matte	5,873	8 483	9,999 1,944	8,242
•	6 409	491	11,944	1,936
Total, Class XXI	. 0,495	491	11,944	10,178
States of Final Shipment—	. 61,256	45,513	165,011	159,955
	00 015	44,501	158,126	147,283
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	25,795	17,461	75,856	66,309
Western Australia		17,811	51,420	51,353
Tasmania	C	2,982 115	11,646 45	8,856 157
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Australian Produce	. 212,501	151,275	571,008	532,314
Re-exports	. 1,868	2,666	6,249	9,511
GRAND TOTAL	. 214,369	153,941	577,257	541,825

⁽a) Not recorded separately. Prior to July, 1955 goods in this category were classified according to commodity.

TOTAL QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Particulars.		Unit of Quantity.	March (Quarter.	Nine Mon Mar	
			1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF AN	IMAL					
ORIGIN.						
Butter		'000 lb.	46,050	41,450	100,683	138,217
Cheese		,,,	18,882	7,173	42,247	26,303
Processed milk—						
Condensed		99	15,590	15,952	32,709	44,140
Dried including Malted		29	21,590	21,410	49,156	57,335
Infants' and invalids' foods		99	2,370	2,603	6,003	7,095
Eggs—						
In shell		'000 doz.	1,975	703	18,795	15,222
Not in shell		'000 lb.	9,230	4,268	21,592	18,527
Meats, poultry and game—						
Bacon and hams		,,,	377	244	1,460	802
Preserved by cold process—						
Beef and veal		22	58,353	40,466	217,707	252,247
Lamb		29	23,758	16,572	90,268	76,552
Mutton		99	9,904	9,944	26,317	28,258
Offals		,,	8,408	4,476	24,589	23,633
Pork		99	1,939	433	5,932	1,863
Poultry		99	(a)	149	(b)	1,345
Rabbits and hares—		1000				
Furred (carcasses)	.:	'000 prs.	} (c) {	21	} (d) {	69
Skinned (carcasses and pi		'000 lb.		2,638		11,396
Preserved in airtight contained	ers	"	32,690	24,738	110,070	95,095
Sausage casings, natural (e)(f)	1	cwt.			6,930	
6,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1	bundles	662,692	489,122	1,358,052	1,620,473
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGET	A TOT TO					
	ABLE					
ORIGIN.	ABLE					
Fruits—	ABLE					
Fruits— Dried—	ABLE					
Fruits— Dried— Currants	A.BLE	'000 lb.	1,602	373	11,822	
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins		'000 lb.	12,495	2,577	88,278	74,303
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits						74,303
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh—		"	12,495 1,430	2,577 457	88,278 5,525	74,303 2,263
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples		,,	12,495 1,430 419	2,577 457 261	88,278 5,525 636	74,303 2,263 736
Fruits— Dried— Currants		"	12,495 1,430 419 12	2,577 457 261 5	88,278 5,525 636 452	74,303 2,263 736 496
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	12,495 1,430 419 12 382	2,577 457 261 5 261	88,278 5,525 636 452 391	74,303 2,263 736 496 292
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe		", "000 bus.	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,850
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	12,495 1,430 419 12 382	2,577 457 261 5 261	88,278 5,525 636 452 391	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,850
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals—	 	"" "000 bus. "" "000lb.	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,850
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared—	 	"" "000 bus. "" "000lb.	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,850 1,822
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch		"" "000 bus. "" "000lb.	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,850 1,822
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white		"000 bus. "000lb. "	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,850 1,822 276 9 78,798
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats		"000 bus. "000lb. ""	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171 7,492	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144 6,255	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047 12,084	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,856 1,822 276 9 78,798 21,638
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats Rice		"000 bus. "000lb. "	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047	74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,856 1,822 276 9 78,798 21,638
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats Rice Unprepared—		", "000 bus. ", "000lb. ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", "	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171 7,492 188,327	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144 6,255 154,502	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047 12,084 498,344	74,305 2,265 736 496 292 113,856 1,822 277 9 78,798 21,638 673,296
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats Rice Unprepared— Barley		", "000 bus. "000lb. ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ton	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171 7,492 188,327 188,757	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144 6,255 154,502 133,958	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047 12,084 498,344 334,969	74,305 2,265 736 496 292 113,856 1,822 978,796 21,633 673,296
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats Rice Unprepared— Barley Dats		", "000 bus. ", "000lb. ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", "	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171 7,492 188,327 188,757 18,885	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144 6,255 154,502 133,958 65,603	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047 12,084 498,344 334,969 30,974	74,305 2,265 736 496 295 113,856 1,825 276 9 78,796 21,635 673,296 212,268 110,396
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats Rice Unprepared— Barley Dats Wheat		", "000 bus. "000lb. ", ", ", ", ewt. ton	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171 7,492 188,327 188,757 18,885 484,918	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144 6,255 154,502 133,958 65,603 477,850	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047 12,084 498,344 334,969 30,974 1,286,140	74,305 2,265 736 496 202 113,850 1,822 276 9 78,798 21,633 673,296 212,265 110,396 1,202,472
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats Rice Unprepared— Barley Dats Wheat Jams and fruit jellies		"000 bus. "000lb. " cwt. ton " "000 lb.	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171 7,492 188,327 188,757 18,885 484,918 1,379	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144 6,255 154,502 133,958 65,603 477,850 335	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047 12,084 498,344 334,969 30,974 1,286,140 5,688	74,305 2,268 736 496 295 113,856 1,825 276 9 78,798 21,638 673,296 212,265 110,396 1,202,476 2,881
Fruits— Dried— Currants Raisins Tree fruits Fresh— Apples Citrus Other Preserved in airtight containe Pulped Grain or cereals— Prepared— Barley—pearl and scotch Flour, (wheaten) plain white Oatmeal and rolled oats Rice Unprepared— Barley Dats Wheat		", "000 bus. "000lb. ", ", ", ", ewt. ton	12,495 1,430 419 12 382 44,650 1,733 132 425,171 7,492 188,327 188,757 18,885 484,918	2,577 457 261 5 261 27,912 530 76 323,144 6,255 154,502 133,958 65,603 477,850	88,278 5,525 636 452 391 120,692 3,825 219 949,047 12,084 498,344 334,969 30,974 1,286,140	8,939 74,303 2,263 736 496 292 113,850 1,822 277 9 78,798 21,638 673,296 212,265 110,396 1,202,477 2,881 448,529

⁽a) 51,645 pairs. (b) 204,114 pairs. (c) 878,644 pairs. (d) 3,490,551 pairs. (e) Recorded in bundles since 1st October. 1954. (f) Natural and synthetic combined for 1954-55.

Total Quantities of Principal Commodities Exported from Australia—continued.

Particulars.	Unit of	March C	uarter.	Nine Mont Mar	
	Quantity.	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
CLASS III.—Spirituous Liquors. Wine	'000 gal.	319	276	876	880
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES NOT FOODSTUFFS. Hides and skins—				be	
Calf, cattle and horse	'000 lb.	11,991	9,539	26,301	32,049
Kangaroo and wallaby	"	185	191	625	704
Rabbit and hare	99	1,177	552	3,810	2,850
Sheep and lamb	,,	31,192	24,554	78,080	79,133
Wool— Greasy Scoured and washed, slipe,	22	283,478	222,475	710,560	744,270
carbonized, tops, noils and waste	**	26,778	25,644	74,550	80,750
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES. Tallow, edible and inedible	ton	6,552	16,239	15,680	36,544
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS AND HYDROCARBONS.					
Coal	ton	59,410	44,150	243,683	139,187
Lead and silver-lead	,,,	18,742	7,588	48,495	36,718
Zine	"	48,041	31,499	180,224	199,528
Class XII.—Metals. Lead—					
Pig	ton	30,512	20,817		102,534
Bullion	99	12,163	1,017	33,631	20,160
Zine, bars, blocks, &c	99	11,042	5,479	29,963	25,594

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

					Me	ats.		Fruits.			
Year		Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon	Beef	Mutton		Dried.		Pre- served	
			and Hams.	and Veal.(a)	Lamb.(a)	Pork.(a)	Vine.	Tree.	in air- tight con- tainers.		
					QUANTITY ('000lb.						
1938-39		229,543	35,924	1,739	271,964	186,489	30,716	164,213	3,915	81,279	
1951–52 1952–53 1953–54	::	25,417 110,428 88,030	40,316 53,006 50,959	5,077 3,393 2,777	95,876 192,297 316,955	31,153 166,844 99,691	3,898 3,453 2,758	84,386 155,172 139,822	13,701 6,709 6,481	110,448 143,261 199,219	
1954-55 Nine mo	nths	140,017	49,543	1,675	276,398	128,793	6,515	153,000	6,437	215,795	
March 1		100,683 138,212	42.247 26,303	1,460 802	2 ¹ 7,707 252,247	116,585 104,810	5,932 1,863	100,100 83,242	5,405 2,248	120,647 113,850	
					VALUE.						
1000		10.0001				of Shipmer			1101		
1938-39		12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,80	882	2,747	118	1,267	
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54		4,593 20,075 16,052	4,064 5,851 5,329	934 720 619	5,230 13,765 22,044	1,918 8,76 5,261	485 472 462	4,608 7,448 6,600	1,053 581 793	6,500 9,298 14,184	
1951–55 Nine mo	nths	24,589	5,057	355	21,829	11,817	781	7,637	799	15,245	
March 1 March 1		17,824 21,937	4,279 2,309	314 183	17,566 18,455	10,935 8,963	708 264	4,995 4,262	652 275	8,733 8,362	

Year.		Wheat.	(Whaten)	/IInno	Sugar			and	Lead
Year.		W neat.	Plain White.	(Unpre- pared).	(Cane).	Greasy.	Scoured.	Lamb- skins.	(Pig).
Tellini				Qu	ANTITY.			5,1000	10
1938-39		tons. 1,690,956	*000 lb. 1,450,130	tons. 58,441	tons. 443,014	'000 lb. 793,384	'000 lb. 70,881	'000 lb. 84,359	tons. 204,495
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54	::	1,685,382 1,593,963 965,38	1,578,033 1,739,240 1,522,536	269,232 496,403 601,536	167,431 459,354 706,796	823.963 981,493 990,009	107,533	70,833 110,172 94,522	106,816 141,998 170,207
1954-55 Nine mon	ths	1,691,063	1,311,238	421,174	737,074	959,033	101,553	100,276	140,256
March 19 March 19		1,286,140 1,202,472	948,920 978,637	334,969 212,265	627,427 448,526	710,560 744,243		78,080 79,133	108,611 102,441
					VALUE.				
			(£)	4'000 f.o.b.	Port of Shi	pment.)			
1938-39		8,735	4,540	342	4,178	37,305	5,324	2,370	4,267
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54	::	55,287 51,970 30,957	33.018 37,417 29,682	11,154 19,245 14,870	6,896 21,654 31,592	278,481 356,223 364,977	44,947 46,681 45,443	13,672 17,332 16,439	20,720 17,168 18,550
1954-55 Nine mon ended—	ths	45,222	20,305	10,357	31,137	310,902	42,204	15,935	17,182
March 19 March 19		34,137 30,680	14,782 13,982	8.053 5.070	26,398 18,471	231,778 202.865	31,121 30,168	12,395 11,863	13,218 13,459

Sheep

Flour,

⁽a) Includes scoured and washed, carbonized, tops, noils, waste and slipe.

PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

			Nine	e months e	ended Marc	eh.		
Country of Consignment	19	55.	19	56.	193	55.	19	56.
and State of Final Shipment.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	*000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
		Вит	TER.		CHE	ESE.		
United Kingdom Australian Territories	86,121	14,748	119,883 432	18,363 93	34,786	3,147 14	21,191	
Ceylon	1,431	278	1,443	272	303	47	234	1 4
Guiana (British)	377	77	297	63	15	2	12	
Hong Kong	1,108 432	220 97	1,112 434	212 95	343 637	44 108	285 323	5
Malaya, Fed. of	852	199	663	152	105	15	78	1
Malta	571	106	513	.98	56	6	117]
Mauritius	470 2,408	116 484	177 2,313	42 441	138 674	23 80	56 532	
West Africa (British)	219	51	17.3	41	182	31	105	
West Indies	1,010 923	181 209	570 706	123 165	189 427	30 77	114 229	1
Arabian States	608	. 141	324	76	846	153	664	12
Burma	308 710	76 138	142 298	35 59	53 624	10	28	
Egypt France	20	4	1,164	173	024	-68	151	1
French Possessions-								
New Caledonia	282 65	59 13	283 2,339	60 428	94	17	76	1
apan	507	106	2,000	49	690	87	445	6
Lehanon	73	14	65	12	18	3	84	1
Vetherlands Antilles	214 493	52 121	233 422	59 106	1.207	192	2 758	12
Other Foreign Countries	1,077	251	3.996	720	768	192	747	12
Vew South Wales	1,310	262	1,263	233	222	35	114	2
Victoria	61,253	10,437	92,285	14,366	27,199	2,863	12,372	1,27
Queensland	29,538	5,648 299	35,134	5,845	3,608	376	3,12	27
Western Australia	1,756	16	1,518	35	11,217	1,005	10,687	73
l'asmania	6,738	1,162	7.790	1,229			'	
Total	100,683	17,824	138,212	21,937	42,247	4,279	26,303	2,30
		BACON AN	D Hams.		BEEF AND VEAL.			
United Kingdom		1	1		176,597	13,750	204.419	14,24
Bermuda					928	147	619	9
eylon	84 105	17 23	63 54	13 14	129 3,279	13 249	208 2,570	19
lalta	15	3	1	14	1,676	139	2,013	17
ingapore	715	141	386	82	7,672	665	7,870	65
Vest Indies (British)	66 209	18 52	61 184	15 46	3,688	104 395	1,059 3,702	11 39
rabian States—								
Saudi Arabia	33	3 7	41	10	963 464	202 76	695 469	14
Other	00	'	-21		2,612	218	4, 74	7 33
gypt	172	36	1		6,494	512	1,789	14
ermany, Fed. Rep. of			4	1	2.437 3,7 7	199 329	4,905 5,674	39 45
nited States of America	1		4	1	390	329	1,349	45 13
ther Foreign Countries	59	14	7	2	5,700	534	10,632	89
lew South Wales	336	75	142	37	17,155	1,637	24,592	2,21
ietoria	15 563	135	32 361	85	9.023	874 14,262	3,122 203,032	35 14,41
outh Australia	78	16	18	4	82	6	2,193	138
Vestern Australia	468	84	249	51	11,226	772	19,278	1,32
					202	15	3	
'asmania								

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries-continued.

			Nin	e Months	ended Mai	ch.				
Country of Consignment	195	55.	1956.		1955.		1956.			
and State of Final Shipment.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.		
			ND LAMB.		PORK. (Preserved by Cold Process.)					
United Kingdom Australian Territories Canada Ceylon Hong Kong Singapore Other British Countries	99,666 536 2,363 344 440 2,340 2,514	9,724 62 224 23 44 186 159	89,660 458 3,066 322 851 2,036 2,745	7,810 50 302 28 66 144 219	4,081 183 111 1 82 662 224	427 32 16 9 86 38	857 154 39 2 43 443 134	105 28 6 1 6 64 22		
Arabian States Belgium Egypt United States of America Other Foreign Countries	911 1,001 452 799 5,219	105 41 28 87 252	570 1,158 2,345 1,055 544	49 48 120 87 40	175 55 177 1 180	38 5 26 · · 26	72 58 61	13 9		
New South Wales Victoria Queensland Sonth Australia Western Australia Tasmania	9,337 72,069 17 26,936 6,423 1,803	706 6,731 2 2,702 613 181	64,900 125 18,15	560 5,542 12 1,740 980 129	535 655 3,046 2 1,644 50	74 88 355 178	184 348 510 3 801	31 51 78 		
Total	116,585	10,935	104,810	8,963	5,932	703	1,863	264		
	DRIED	VINE FR	UITS—CUE	RANTS.		VINE FI				
United Kingdom Canada New Zealand Singapore Other British Countries	6,259 3,497 1,215 62 439	161 65 5	3,275 1,372 49	161 73 3	52,641 26,088 7,685 98 1,438	9	20,768 8,794	931 514		
Egypt Other Foreign Countries	58 292	4 14	524	24	121 207	10 13		137		
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	3,804 1 6,515 1,499	190 305 67		199	38 70,495 5 17,723 17	6 3,508 1 917 1		1		
Total	11,822	562	8,939	449	88,278	4,433	74,303	3,813		

NOTE. -Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries-continued.

			Nin	e Months	ended Mar	ch.			
Country of Consignment	19	55.	19	56.	198	55.	19	56.	
and State of Final Shipment.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	
	D	RIED TRE	E FRUITS.		FRUITS PRESERVED IN AIRTIGHT CONTAINERS.				
United Kingdom Canada Ireland, Republic of	1,643 141	185 20		66 75	99,526 3,262 6	7,183 237	99,154 2,330	7,310 168	
New Zealand Singapore Other British Countries	1,218 171 349	164 28 44	615 59 143	92 8 12	11,155 510 2,539	831 33 189	9,405 397 1,370	671 27 100	
Egypt Germany, Fed. Rep. of Other Foreign Countries	68 842 973	5 113 93	25 73 79	4 7 11	683 101 2,865	49 6 205	182 1,012	78	
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia	1,487 220 5 2,773 5	146 29 1 356	565 162 1 1,407	43 18 201	11,526 76,439 27,185 4,678	807 5,438 2,109 328	16,602 56,087 29,561 10,685	1,207 4,312 2,067 688	
Tasmania	915	120	113	13	814	51	19 896	88	
Total	5,405	652	2,248	275	120,647	8,733	113,850	8,362	
	Tons.	£A'000.	Tons.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A*000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	
		WHE	AT.		FLOUR (WHEATEN)—PLAIN	WHITE.	
United Kingdom Aden Aden Australian Territories Borneo (British) Ceylon Cyprus East Africa (British) Hong Kong India Ireland, Republic of Malaya, Fed. of	330,814 219 141 9,597 18,397 127 7,390 364,983 43,910 10.964	8,774 6 5 309 503 4 200 9,592 1,155 270	346,962 150 107 54 25,572 324 26,168 44,497 11,521 9,426	8,391 4 4 2 699 9 496 1,006 295 266	87,462 33,997 9.830 12,590 165,829 33 9,157 9,106 76	1,214 479 160 207 2,541 1 132 140 1	78,444 17,460 8,364 11,542 184,321 22 7,342 49,583 177 111,815	1,083 234 130 173 2,562 1 108 141 2	
Mauritius New Zealand	32 166,224	4,437	187,667	4,777	30,684	453	21,052 117	296 2	
Other Pakistan Rhodesia and Nyasaland Singapore Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian Other British Countries	52,064 3,767 7,690	1,460 109 210	29 20 2 43,124 3,440 5,237	1,136 1,136 102 	16,190 6,322 224 2,591 127,481 20,571 7,061	262 106 3 38 2,085 298 113	14,266 7,949 614 1,931 72,707 18,393 12,370	228 116 8 28 1,127 262 145	
Arabian States Burma Egypt French Dependencies Germany, Fed. Rep. of.	7,179 513 70 425 139,334	195 15 2 14 3,754	5,6°8 3,196 357 37,671	140 88 	15,133 39,102 16,163 15,068	209 636 241 241	23,848 15,274 4,584 14,694	313 241 66 224	
Indonesia Italy Japan Netherlands Portuguese Possessions	29,264 48,001	608 1,281	5 246,057 931	6,479 24	146,524 690 1,902	2,252 11 34	257,434 915 2,188	4,010 16 49	
India Mozambique Other Thailand Other Foreign Countries	713 6,042 152 37,956	22 166 5 1,036	848 12,733 65 190,595	25 348 2 5,370	1,557 263 504 20,723 20,937	24 5 8 358 309	1,524 546 470 23.814 14,872	23 9 8 391 228	
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia	190,639 435,297 5,900 289,852 364,452	5,121 11,812 172 7,632 9,400	171,430 283,425 96,979 318,956 331,682	4,367 6,976 2,558 8,386 8,393	302,264 323,220 28,455 103,281 191,700	4,834 5,064 391 1,629 2,864	346,759 312,174 36,050 102,563 181,091	4,625 4,642 544 1,487 2,684	
Total	1,286,140	34.137	1,202,472	30,680	948,920	14,782	978,637	13,982	

$\textbf{Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries} \\ \underline{-continued}.$

	Nine Months ended March.									
	1955.		198	56.	198	55.	1956.			
Country of Consignment and State of Final Shipment.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tens.	£A'000.		
	I	Barley (Un	prepared)			Sugar (Cane).			
United Kingdom Australian Territories—	68,429	1,779	30,019	610	363,369	15,754	236,023	10,057		
New Guinea		:	.:		1,120 87,547	58 3,339	1,176 88,745	71 3;207		
Ceylon Hong Kong	17 1,206	1 28	19 457	1 4	9.519 33,960	323 1,264	19,148	732		
Freland, Rep. of Malaya, Fed. of New Zealand	13,472	299	12 3	::	5,550 34.735	205 1,593	1,010 39,866	38 1,862		
Singapore Other British Countries	6		::		6,500 2,828	245 166	3,221	187		
Belgium French Possessions—New	71,511	1,601	9,690	213						
Caledonia	35,604	719	15,207	329	1,462	84	3,021	96		
Italy Japan	2,895 77,975	90 2,138	4,100 120,871	3,144	80,405	3,328	52,178	2,051		
Netherlands Other Foreign Countries	62,543 1,301	1,361 36	25,316 6,571	511 144	432	29	4,138	170		
Total	334,969	8,053	212,265	5,070	627,427	26,388	448,526	18,471		
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia	1,669 24,895 21,196 272,537	50 630 555 6,468	24 22,315 32,091 135,226	1 546 732 3,359	4,599 288 622,515	265 17 26,105	6,531 336 441,615	310 18 18,140		
Western Australia	14,672	350	22,609	432	25	1	44			
Total	334,969	8,053	212,265	5,070	627,427	26,388	448,526	18,471		

Note:-Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries-continued.

			Nin	e Months	ended Ma	arch.		
Country of Consignment	19	55.	19	56.	4	1955.	1956.	
and State of Final Shipment.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.
		Wool—	GREASY.	WOOL SLIPE,	SCOURE CARBONIA AND V	ED AND W.	ASHED, , NOILS	
United Kingdom Canada Hong Kong India Ireland, Republic of New Zealand South Africa, Union of Other British Countries	223.034 1,263 435 4,259 367 1,956 91	138 1,493 145	2,088	52,241 597 182 851 74 158 11	419	1,331 285 517 42 205 163	3,980 934 2,069 100 320	1,490 500 1,060 30 184
Austria Belgium China Czechoslovakia Denmark Egypt France Germany, Fed. Rep. of. Greece Italy Japan Mexico Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Spain Sweden Sweden Swetzerland Furkey U.S.S. B.	1,563 65,882 8,086 123,455 48,742 69,350 79,270 6,551 2,364 13,402 2,036 598 1,591 4,791 2,732 425	568 17,536 3,030 37,393 15,426 23,478 28,719 2,472 790 5,163 774 239 513 1,477 1,058		509 13,178 3,103 1 345 37.347 13,562 9 17.593 39,561 2,337 817 500 682 372 1,458 1,458	111 4,060 2,771 621 1000 5,002 4,417 7000 4,438 1,478 547 1,009 65 83 243 243 168 897 217	1,523 1,681 257 79 2,080 1,746 315 1,571 748 260 380 32 35 117 93 384 4100	3,026 34 802 176 4,254 6,264 748 4,427	900 1,538 12 300 1,533 2,233 3,065 1,530 3,065 10 104 38 302
United States of America Yugoslavia Other Foreign Countries	45,177 648 2,488	16,373 238 878	35,078 1,476 1,685	10,735 469 510	17,408 30 261	6,957 14 1,128	15,858 2,847	5,528
Total	710,560	231,778	744,243	202,865	74,547	31,121	80,725	30,168
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia	257,737 180,050 104,162 80 938 76,681 10,992	83,064 60,453 35.858 24,640 23,834 3,929	273,580 191,077 112,503 83,822 79,130 4,131	75,859 52,971 32,201 20,418 20,125 1,291	21,720 24,621 8,310 6,063 9,981	9,536 3,628 2,527	23,004 24,179 8,710 7,025 10,918	3,348
Total	710,560	231,778	744,243	202,865	(a)70,706	(a)28,588	(a)73,851	(a)26,412

⁽a) Excludes exports of wool tops. State details not available for publication. Note.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Principal Products of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

			Nir	ne Months	ended Ma	rch.		
Country of Consignment	19	55.	1956.		1955.		1956.	
and State of Final Shipment.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	'000 lb.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.	tons.	£A'000.
	SH	EEP AND	LAMB SKI	NS.		LEAD ((Pig).	
United Kingdom New Zealand South Africa, Union of. Other British Countries	101,53 170	1,536 23	9,092 59 	1,311 5 	62,323 2,830 1,248 52	7,614 366 157	58,982 2,810 300 119	7,699 380 38 16
Belgium France Italy Netherlands United States of America Other Foreign Countries	1,627 59,943 2,086 1,119 2,043 939	289 9,757 408 117 145 120	618 62,140 1,372 900 3,154 1,741	103 9,565 209 111 297 257	21 41,645 492	 2 5,011 61	25 53 37,364 2,788	3 7 4,948 368
Total	78,080	12.395	79,133	11,863	108,611	13,218	102,441	13,459
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	22,135 33,620 1,830 11,978 5,742 2,775	5,151 276 1,916 929	34,501 2,511	3.401 5,150 344 1,663 912 393	1,242 264 46 106,957 100 2	162 30 5 13,009 12	367 776 580 100,421 293 4	47 99 75 13.201 36
Total	78,080	12,395	79,133	11,863	108,611	13,218	102,441	13,459

Note.—Values expressed in Australian currency, f.o.b. port of shipment.

Section V.—Retail Sales.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF GOODS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS. (a)

(Adjusted on a Basis Comparable with the 1952-53 Retail Census.)

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards).

The tables contain particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949–50 to 1954–55 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952–53 were obtained from the Census taken in respect of that year whereas figures for the other years shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

10	million.)

	(-	minion.				
Particulars.	1949-50. (b)	1950–51. (b)	1951-52. (b)	1952-53. (c)	1953–54. (b)(d)	1954-5 5 (b)(d)
		STATES.				
New South Wales	538.2 392.6 184.9 122.4 99.0 41.6	693.9 492.4 233.9 153.3 125.9 53.4 1,752.8	801.0 571.7 270.6 185.4 155.2 65.0 2,048.9	824.7 584.4 287.8 189.0 164.6 68.9 2,119.4	907.7 637.8 319.7 207.8 183.8 76.1	1,012.1 710.8 362.8 233.8 198.9 83.5
	Соммо	DITY GR	OUPS.			
Groceries	161.1 75.4 131.7	186.1 92.3 155.5	232.9 118.7 187.8	261.5 127.8 206.8	275.1 133.9 223.7	308.7 147.5 246.6
Total Foodstuffs	368.2	433.9	539.4	596.1	632.7	702.8
Beer, Wine and Spirits Clothing, Drapery, Piece	105.0	123.2	153.9	173.0	186.7	202.0
Goods and Footwear Hardware, China and Glass-	263.8	328.5	351.6	355.1	387.4	419.5
ware(f) Electrical Goods and Radios Furniture and Floor Coverings Other Goods(g)	66.4 43.3 54.5 204.2	91.2 64.7 76.9 252.4	109.6 77.5 76.1 307.5	113.8 75.8 72.8 315.5	124.7 91.2 81.0 336.9	141.7 100.8 86.6 365.9
Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, &c.)	1,105.4	1,370.8	1,615.6	1,702.1	1,840.6	2,019.3
Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.(h)	273.3	382.0	433.3	417.3	492.3	581.4
Total	1,378.7	1,752.8	2,048.9	2,119.4	2,332.9	2,600.7

⁽a) Excludes sales in Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Survey figures.
(c) Census figures. (d) Subject to revision. (e) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, &c., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (f) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, &c.). (g) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, &c., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists go ds, grain and produce, jeweilery, office equipment, &c.

(h) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, &c.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The Statistics in the following tables relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance companies are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each quarter, but, from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

Balances Outstanding at end of each Quarter.(a)

(Including Hiring Charges and Insurance.) (£'000.)

As at—	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1954—31st March	 46,414	27,623	19,694	11,741	9,008	4,221	118,701
30th June	 50,143	30,819	22,361	13,116	10,183	4,751	131.373
30th September	 53,539	34,248	24,041	14,768	11,424	4,947	142,967
31st December	 60,215	38,860	26,196	16,546	12,569	5,247	159,633
1955—31st March	 64,105	41,824	27,106	17,219	13,240	5,887	169,381
30th June	 67,809	44,555	28,669	18,093	14,180	6,973	180,279
30th September	 73,718	48,236	30,579	19,459	15,128	7,424	194,54
31st December	 77,855	53,080	32,001	21,033	16,092	7,892	207,953
1956—31st March	 76,892	54,910	31,499	20,928	15,736	7,997	207,965

⁽a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously.

Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

Agreements Made during Quarter ended 31st March, 1956: States.

Particulars of Agreement.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
S. SER THAT STREET	Mon	ror Veh	ICLES.				
Number of Agreements Total Value of $Goods(c)$ £'000 Amount Financed (d) £'000	22,955 15,856 9,166	18,529 13,248 7,959	10,813 6,793 3,933	8,413 5,631 3,156	4,864 3,300 2,077	2,940 1,921 1,104	68,514 46,749 27,395
	PLANT	AND MA	CHINERY				
Number of Agreements Total Value of Goods(c)£'000 Amount Financed(d) £'000	2,026 1,409 877	1,183 716 430	861 392 247	306 127 83	259 307 186	100 53 32	4,735 3,004 1,855
Нот	SEHOLD	AND PE	RSONAL (Goods.			
Number of Agreements Total Value of Goods(c)£'000 Amount Financed(d) £'000	65,624 4,846 3,939	41,288 3,683 2,955	28,276 1,842 1,430	13,007 1,118 932	14,364 1,259 1,028	5,196 533 420	167,755 13,281 10,704
	Тота	L (ALL	Goods).				
Number of Agreements Total Value of Goods(c)£'000 Amount Financed(d) £'000	90,605 22,111 13,982	61,000 17,647 11,344	39,950 9,027 5,610	21,726 6,876 4,171	19,487 4,866 3,291	8,236 2,507 1,556	241,004 63,034 39,954

 ⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory.
 (c) Value at net eash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).
 (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Retail Sales: Hire Purchase Agreements Entered Into By Finance Companies-continued.

Agreements Made during each Quarter: Australia.

	N	Value o	f Goods.(a)	Amount F	inanced.(b)	Average Pro-
Period.	Number of Agree- ments.	Total.	Average per Agree-ment.	Total.	Average per Agree- ment.	portion of Hire Purchas Sale Finance (b)
		£,000	£	£'000.	£	%
	Мото	R VEHICI	LES.			
Quarterly Average—						
1954–55	. 68,270	47,227	692	27,286	400	58
Quarterly Total—	~					
1955—March Quarter .	F0.050	44,416	691	25,637	399	58
June ,, .		51,946	713	29,965	411	58
Sept. ,, Dec.		55,949	698	33,060	412	59
1956—March ,, .	00 714	54,793 46,749	706 682	32,607 27,395	420 400	60 59
	PLANT A	ND MACH	INERY.			
Quarterly Average—						
1954–55	. 3,691	2,324	630	1,417	384	61
Quarterly Total—	0.045	0.000	200	7 000	101	
1955—March Quarter .	3,847	2,686	698	1,633	424	61
June ,, Sept	3,579	2,312	646	1,385	387	60
D. a	~ 1 ~ -	2,746 3,650	643 708	1,672 2,272	392 441	61 62
1956—March ,,	4 707	3,004	634	1,855	392	62
Но	USEHOLD A	ND PERSO	NAL GOO	DS.		
Quarterly Average—						
1954–55	. 158,140	12,078	76	9,781	62	81
Quarterly Total—	154 000	19 500	01	10 000	00	0.7
1955—March Quarter . June	7 40 0 40	12,590 11,146	81 73	10,239	66 59	81 81
Cant	3 80 000	11,140	74	9,025 9,673	61	81
Dog	301000	14,786	80	12,064	65	82
1956—March	JOH HEN	13,281	79	10,704	64	81
,,						
	TOTAL	(ALL Goo	DDS).			
	TOTAL	(ALL Goo	ods).			
Quarterly Average— 1954–55	200 101	(ALL Good	268	38,484	167	62
Quarterly Average— 1954–55				38,484	167	62
Quarterly Average— 1954–55 Quarterly Total— 1955—March Quarter	230,101			38,484 37,509	167 168	
Quarterly Average— 1954-55 Quarterly Total— 1955—March Quarter June ",	230,101 223,068 229,791	61,629 59,692 65,404	268 268 285	37,509 40,375	168 176	63 62
Quarterly Average— 1954—55	230,101 223,068 229,791 243,781	61,629 59,692 65,404 70,551	268 268 285 290	37,509	168	63 62
Quarterly Average— 1954–55 Quarterly Total— 1955—March Quarter . June ",	230,101 223,068 229,791 243,781	61,629 59,692 65,404	268 268 285	37,509 40,375	168 176	62 63 62 63 64

⁽a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

Section VI.—Private Finance.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

			Inter-		Deposits.			Balance	Bills	
Peri	od.		minable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	Notes in Circu- lation.	due to other Banks.	Payable and all other Lia-bilities.	Total Lia- bilities.
		C	OMMONWE	ALTH TRA	ADING BA	NK OF AT	STRALIA.	c)		
1951-52				90,595	20,093	110,688		2,644	8,524	121,856
1952-53				96,664 120,885	22,817 35,352	119,481 $156,237$		3,820 2,034	8,569 11,766	131,870 170,037
1953-54 1954-55		::		130,909	43,549	174,458	::	309	16,148	190,915
Quarter ender March,	1955			131,406	43.311	174.717		320	16,642	191,679
June,	1999			135,659	43,311 45,784	174,717 181,443		305	16,642 16,773	198,521
September,	"			131,453 138,770	48,509	179,962		271	16,314	196,547
December,				138,770	48,132	186,902		313	18,208	205,423
March, Month of—	1956			133,696	46,607	180,303		345	17,757	198,405
January,	1956			132,441	47,522	179,963		393	17,714	198,070
February,	"			132,926	46,735	179,661		315	17,383	197,359
March,	"			135,914	45,531	181,445		334	18,267	200,046
				PRIVAT	E TRADIN	G BANKS				
1951-52			729	963,524	238,217	1,201,741	158	61,527	14,970	1,279,125
1952-53			226	963,524 943,747 1,035,707	218,699	1,162,446	158	10,628	14,247	1,187,705
1953-54			14	1,035,707	239,774	1,275,481	158 158	3,360		1,293,993
1954–55			9	1,047,677	202,980	1,310,663	100	3,282	10,402	1,330,544
Quarter ende										
	1955		8	1,086,235	266,503	1,352,738	158		17,110	1,373,252 1,346,467
June, September,	"			1,059,259	266,260	1,325,519 1,267,309 1,295,981	158 158		14 994	1,340,407
December,	"		6	1,002,952	261.915	1.295.981	158		17.769	1,285,727 1,317,358
March,	1956		6	1,072,497	260,117	1,332,614	158		16,226	1,351,131
Month of—					004 040			4 040	11.100	1 040 005
January,	1956			1,070,447 $1,072,144$		1,331.760 1,331,891			14,429	1,348,265 1,350,258
February, March,	"			1,074,990	259,383	1,334,373				1,355,090
				OTHER C	HEQUE-PA	VING BAN	KS.			
1951-52			19,336				1	504	1,478	72,132
1952-53		::	19.286	35,848	15,302	51,150		622	525	
1953-54			19,286 19,734	39,408	15,309	51,150 54,717		664	454	75,569
1954-55			20,520	41,415	16,069	57,484		554	461	79,019
Quarter ende	d									
March,	1955		20,485	43,069	16,298	59,367		535	431	80,818
June.	,,,		20,679	40,759	16,113	56,872		692	443	
September,			20,787	36,963				1,304	529 507	
December, March,	1956		20,673 20,447	36,949 42,924	16,423 16,282			1,566 1,396	386	
Month of-	1000		20,111	12,021	10,202					
January,	1956		20,449			57,224		977	282	
February,	23		20,448	43,854	16,389			905	344 543	
March,	99		20,445					2,427	1 040	1 00,001
					EQUE-PAY					
1951-52 1952-53			20,065	1,091,564	271,679	1,363,243	158 158	64,675 15,070	24,972	1,473,113 1,391,158
1952-53 1953-54			19,512	1,076,259 1,196,000	290,818	1.486.435	158	6,058	27,200	1,539,599
1954-55	::	::	20,529	1,220,001	322,604	1,333,077 1,486,435 1,542,605	158	4,145		1,600,478
Quarter ende	d									
March,	1955		20,493	1,260,710	326,112	1,586,822 1,563,834	158		34,183	1,645,749
June,	,,,		20,686	1,235,677	328,157	1,563,834	158	4,935	34,061	1,623,674
September, December,	"		20,793	1,171,368 1,209,785	329,351	1,500,722 1,536,255	158 158	4,835 5,318	36.484	1,623,674 1,558,344 1,598.89
March,	1956	::	20,453	1,249,117	323,006	1,572,128	158	3,868	34,369	1,630,97
Month of—										
January,	1956		20,455	1,243,777	325,170	1,568,947	158			1,625,267
February,	,,,		20,454	1,248,924	322,871	1,571,795	158 158		37 920	1,629,557
March,	11		20,451	1,254,700	521,010	1,575,710	198	4,000	01 209	1,000,44

⁽a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on weekly balance days in periods. (b) Includes short term loans from Central Bank. (c) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

Cheque-paying Banks-continued. Average Assets within Australia.(a) (£'000.)

-				1.	5'000.)				OF A SUPPLIES AND A S	
Period.		Cash and Cash	Special Account with	Balances with other		an Public rities.	Other Securi-	Loans, Ad- vances	Allother	Total
		Balan- ces.(b)	C'wealth Bank.	Banks.	Treasury Bills.	Other.	ties.	and Bills Dis- counted.	Assets.	Assets.
		Сом	MONWEAL	TH TRADI	NG BANK	OF AUSTI	RALIA.(d)			
1951-52		6,581		994	26,392	13,274	2	76,407	3,230	126,88
1952-53 1953-54		8,784 11,000	21,731 34,800	1,600 787	17,239 23,404	29,924	92 1.284		3,984 4,360	138,768 174,768
1954-55		10,456		870	12,260	38,165	1,606		5,675	194,23
Quarter ended— March, 1955		11 190	34.950	050	10,000	95 050	1 000	00.00		
June,	::	11,130 10,463	34,527	859 951	13,093 11,600	39,642	1,632 1,643		5,846 6,245	195,65 201,99
September, ,,		10,000	32,835	791	5,000	39.711	1,676	104,886	6,299	201,19
December, ,, March, 1956	::	10,519 10,150	32,650 33,942	1,377 1,225	9,209 4,308	40,017 39,058	1,667 1,707	104,932 104,457	6,939 6,847	207,31
Month of—										
January, 1956 February, ,,		10,625 9,793	32,650 33,610	773 1,148	2,750 4,200	40,061	1,695 1,709	105,856 104,782	6,729 6,847	201,139
March, ,,	::	10,119	35,650	1,773	6,000	40,059 36,804	1,719	102,652	6,967	202,148 201,684
			Pı	RIVATE TE	ADING B	ANKS.	115.200			
1951-52 1952-53		60,589 74,712	465,991	29,140	32,402 123,059	68,416 86,513	1,124 2,313	621,435	33,151	1,312,248
1952-53	::	71,244	211,737 285,226	22,580 17,346	99,368	130,306	3,588	638,092 658,534	36,549	1,188.699 1,302,161
1954-55		66,908	269,117	18,436	51,602	121,927	3,425	776,762		1,357,102
Quarter ended—										
March, 1955 June,		73,148 61,734	259.613 254,296	18,717 19,377	89.404 45,923	125,176 126,805	2.536	773,074		1,392.049
September, ,,	::	67,191	234,026 231,903	17,418	21,481	110,172	3,280 4,997	808,986 824,178		1,373,802 1,334,043
December, March, 1956		66,336	231,903	21,436	21,481	109,193	6,459	823,776 777,702	57,337	1.350,148
Month of—		69,451	247,726	18,812	99,673	116,580	6,023	777,702	55,066	1,391,038
January, 1956		76,405	231,903	17,220	92,812	113,369	6,028	784,241	55,810	1,377,788
February, ,, March, ,,	::	66,894 65,696	247,443 263,903	19,585 19,438	111,600 91,625	117,181 119,038	6,055 5,977	773,732 776,127	54,281 55,301	1,39 6.77 1 1,39 7 ,105
			Отне	R CHEQUI	E-PAYING					
1951-52		5,104	2,612	1,800	2.925	14,880	111	61,816	5,423	94,671
1952-53		4,640	1.153	2,176 2,409	3,911	13,874 13,977	149	64,731	3.792	94,426
1953-54 1954-55	::	5.091 4,586	1,090 1,108	2,409 2,198	7.326 5,641	13,977 13,972	432 701	65,982 72,189	3,815 4,923	100,122 105,318
Quarter ended—		2,000	2,200	2,100	0,011	10,012	.01	12,100	4,020	100,010
March, 1955		4,656	1,107	2,442	6,728	13,730	526	72,781	5,158	107,128
June, ,,		4,242	1,091	1,670	4,961	13,511	523	72,781 74,415	5.137	105,550
September, ,, December,	::	3,891 3,826	926 891	1,638 1,672	3,196 3,300	13,733 14,086	382 199	74,580 76.075	4,786 4,778	103,132 104.827
March, 1956		4,368	867	1,530	5,002	14,840	190	75,949	6,008	108,754
Month of— January, 1956		4,456	891	1,358	3,318	14,829	196	76,221	5.144	106,413
		4,506	864	1,628	4,970	14,842	190	75,861	6.490	109,351
February, ,,			846	1,578	6,725	14,852	183	75,787	6,271	110,348
		4,106								
February, ,, March, ,,			ALL	CHEQUE-1		MATERIAL STATES				
February, ,, March, ,,		72,274	ALL 468,603	CHEQUE-1	61,719	96,570	1,237	759,658 762 315	41,804 1	,533,799 421 887
February, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,	::	72,274 88,136 87,335	ALL 468,603 234,621 321,116	31,934 26,356 20,542	61,719 144,209 130.098	96,570 126,227 174,207	2,554 5,304	762,315 793,720	37,469 1 44.724 1	,421,88 7 ,577,04 6
February, ,, March, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,		72,274 88,136	ALL 468,603 234,621	31,934 26,356	61,719 144,209	96,570 126,227	2,554	762,315	37,469 1 44.724 1	,421,887
February, ,, March, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,	::	72,274 88,136 87,335 81,950	468,603 234,621 321,116 306,286	31,934 26,356 20,542 21,504	61,719 144,209 130.098 69,503	96,570 126,227 174,207 174,064	2,554 5,304 5,732	762,315 793,720 938,089	37,469 1 44.724 1 59,523 1	,421,88 7 ,577,04 6 ,65 6,651
February, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,		72,274 88,136 87,335 81,950	ALL 468,603 234,621 321,116 306,286	31,934 26,356 20,542 21,504	61,719 144,209 130.098 69,503	96,570 126,227 174,207 174,064	2,554 5,304 5,732 4,694	762,315 793,720 938,089 936,120	37,469 1 44.724 1 59,523 1 61,385 1	,421,887 ,577,046 ,656,651
February, ", March, ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ",	::	72,274 88,136 87,335 81,950 88,934 76,439 81,082	ALL 468,603 234,621 321,116 306,286 295,670 289,914 267,787	31,934 26,356 20,542 21,504 22,018 21,998 19,847	61,719 144,209 130.098 69,503 109,225 62,484	96,570 126,227 174,207 174,064 176,784 179,958 163,616	2,554 5,304 5,732 4,694 5,446 7,055	762,315 793,720 938,089 936,120 981,323 ,003,644	37,469 1 44.724 1 59,523 1 61,385 1 64,783 1 65,665 1	,421,887 ,577,046 ,656,651 ,694,830 ,681,345
February, ", March, ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ",		72,274 88,136 87,335 81,950 88,934 76,439 81,082 80,681	ALL 468,603 234,621 321,116 306,286 295,670 289,914 267,787 265,444	31,934 26,356 20,542 21,504 22,018 21,998 19,847 24,485	61,719 144,209 130.098 69,503 109,225 62,484 29,677 46,217	96,570 126,227 174,207 174,064 176,784 179,958 163,616 163,296	2,554 5,304 5,732 4,694 5,446 7,055 1 8,325	762,315 793,720 938,089 936,120 981,323 ,003,644 ,004,783	37,469 1 44.724 1 59,523 1 61,385 1 64,783 1 65,665 1 69,054 1	,421,887 ,577,046 ,656,651 .694,830 ,681,345 ,638,373 .662,285
February, ", March, ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ",		72,274 88,136 87,335 81,950 88,934 76,439 81,082	ALL 468,603 234,621 321,116 306,286 295,670 289,914 267,787	31,934 26,356 20,542 21,504 22,018 21,998 19,847 24,485	61,719 144,209 130.098 69,503 109,225 62,484	96,570 126,227 174,207 174,064 176,784 179,958 163,616	2,554 5,304 5,732 4,694 5,446 7,055	762,315 793,720 938,089 936,120 981,323 ,003,644	37,469 1 44.724 1 59,523 1 61,385 1 64,783 1 65,665 1 69,054 1	,421,887 ,577,046 ,656,651 ,694,830 ,681,345
February, ", March, ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ", ",		72,274 88,136 87,335 81,950 88,934 76,439 81,082 80,681	ALL 468,603 234,621 321,116 306,286 295,670 289,914 267,787 265,444	31,934 26,356 20,542 21,504 22,018 21,998 19,847 24,485 21,567	61,719 144,209 130.098 69,503 109,225 62,484 29,677 46,217	96,570 126,227 174,207 174,064 176,784 179,958 163,616 163,296	2,554 5,304 5,732 4,694 5,446 7,055 1 8,325	762,315 793,720 938,089 936,120 981,323 ,003,644 ,004,783	37,469 1 44.724 1 59,523 1 61,385 1 64,783 1 65,665 1 69,054 1 67,921 1 67,683 1	,421,887 ,577,046 ,656,651 .694,830 ,681,345 ,638,373 .662,285

 ⁽a) Averages of assets at close of business on weekly balance days in periods.
 (b) Coin, builion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank.
 (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks.
 (d) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments—Average Weekly Assets, (£'000.)

				Advances.				
Period.		Rural Credits	Mortgage Bank	Industrial Depart		Total.	Treasury Bills.	Govern- ment and Municipal
		Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Hire Purchase.	Other.	Total.		Securities.
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55	••	19,653 44,863 43,183 62,316	4,153 4,267 4,528 4,837	15,480 14,847 16,631 17,015	8,666 8,145 4,749 6,717	47.952 72.122 69:091 90,885	63 469 628 747	463 946 1.745 2,146
Quarter ended— March, 1955 June, " September, ", December, ", March, 1956 Month of—		73.190 72,732 52,354 49,388 93,291	4,900 4,996 5,068 5,085 5,066	17,103 16,777 16,905 17,149 16,497	6,367 7,996 8,603 9,105 9,101	101,560 102,501 82,930 80,727 123,955	754 531 527 446 662	2,265 2,518 2,462 2,825 3,044
January, 1956 February, ,, March, ,,	44	66,235 98,789 113,475	5,061 5,060 5,078	17,004 16,493 15,993	9,094 9,107 9,102	97.394 129,449 143,648	550 650 788	2,575 3,039 3,519

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(Averages of weekly figures.) (£A'000.)

			No	tes on Issue) <u>.</u>	Special	Other	Other Lia- bilities	Gold	Govern- ment and Other	
Period.		0.00	Held by-		Total.	Accounts of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Trading Banks.	(excluding Capital and Reserve	and Balances Held Abroad.	Securities (including Trea-	
		1	Banks.	Public.				Funds).		Bills).	
			38,087	255,552	293,639	468,800	31,112	270,937	470,644	503,089	
1952-53			36,860	281,332	318,192	212,890	45,447	287,361	363.576	434,771	
1953-54			38,539	299,684	338,223	306.820	41,731	283,397	512.615	407.979	
1954-55 .			40,913	316,110	357,023	306,286	36,795	243,468	415,896	459,839	
Quarter ended-	_										
	955		42,450	316,415	358,865	295,670	41.892	244,140	408,009	452,049	
June,	12		41,418	322,524	363,942	289,914	31,161	233,754	377,151	460,643	
September,	12		40,150	325.910	366,060	267,787	37,682	213,227	342.025	486,641	
December,	.,		42.872	333,839	376,711	265,444	35.081	208,396	300.922	536,385	
March, 1	956		43,834	333,092	376,926	282,535	36,457	210,034	288,791	527,164	
Month of-											
	956		47,399	333,541	380,940	265,444	40,572	207,319	298,120	533,957	
February,	22		42,820	330,533	373,353	281,917	33,526	211,395	293,172	511,005	
March,	199		41,536	335,842	377,378	300,399	36,007	211,046	273,984	540,569	

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

(£'000.)

Denomination.				27th Mar., 1939.	25th Mar., 1953.	31st Mar., 1954.	30th Mar., 1955.	25th Jan., 1956.	29th Feb., 1956.	28th Mar., 1956.
10s.				4,112	9,719	9.915	10,201	10,389	10,351	10.636
£1				20,994	67,855	69,371	69,066	67.975	68.073	69,880
£5				11,496	154,512	169,292	176,513	180,461	182,641	188.740
£10				5,094	90,238	91,662	103,359	112,493	111,829	113,882
£20				109	6	6	5	4	4	4
£50				1.254	54	51	49	46	46	46
£100				2,241	60	57	55	50	50	50
£1,000)			2,230	474	759	829	835	1,009	765
		Held by	Banks	14,821	35,550	39,233	40.507	42,468	42.647	39,955
		22 22	Public	32,709	287,368	301,880	319,570	329,785	331,356	344,048
		Total		47,530	322,918	341,113	360,077	372,253	374,003	384,003

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.

(£'000.)

				(2000	•)				
Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
			ALI	SAVINGS	BANKS.(a)				
June— 1939	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1952	304,532	300,832	102,661	103,726	47,171	30,119	1,036	1,821	891,898
1953	319,149	319,971	109,360	113,875	49,794	32,078	1,116	2,154	947,497
1954	339,796	339,791	117,406	122,949	52,614	33,947	1,308	2,328	1,010,129
1955	3 58,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
Mar., 1955	350,879	354,517	122,164	128,523	52,522	35,099	1,362	2,491	1,047,557
June, ",	358,645	364,748	124,814	131,692	53,629	35,809	1,482	2,575	1,073,394
Sept., ",	359,521	368,892	126,535	132,890	54,574	36,698	1,562	2,682	1,083,354
Dec., ",	364,119	371,392	128,132	132,760	54,372	36,393	1,522	2,679	1,091,369
Jan., 1956	367,289	371,510	127,926	132,743	54,661	36,335	4,2	11	1,094,742
Feb., ,,	371,236	373,454	128,199	132,897	55,008	36,564	4,3		1,101,669
Mar., ,,	374,400	375,313	129,075	133,091	55,430	36,531	4,3		1,108,215
			COMMON	WEALTH S	AVINGS BA	NK.			1
June- 1939	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1952	304,532	76,485	102,661	22,502	47,171	11,406	1,036	1,821	567,614
1953	319,149	85,137	109,360	25,483	49,794	12,170	1,116	2,154	604,368
1954	339,796	94,174	117,406	28,192	52,614	12,869	1,308	2,328	648,687
1955	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,055
Mar., 1955	350,879	101,392	122,164	29,810	52,522	13,334	1,362	2,491	673,954
June, ,,	358,645	104,597	124,814	30,547	53,629	13,764	1,482	2,575	690,053
Sept., ,,	359,521	106,622	126,535	30,987	54,574	13,973	1,562	2.682	696,456
Dec., ,,	364,119	108,122	128,132	31,037	54,372	13,870	1,522	2,679	703,858
Jan., 1956	362,970	107,916	127,115	31,082	54,148	13,856	4,1	233	701,320
Feb., ",	361,982	107,903	126,005	31,068	53,852	13,815		196	698,82
Mar., ",	361,379	108,287	125,787	31,168	53,730	13,853		209	698,41

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

Note.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January. 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of March, 1956, was £24,179,351.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS—AVERAGE WEEKLY DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at Capital City Branches.)
(£'000.)

Deviced		New		Queens-	South	Western	Tas-	Australian	
Period		South Wales.	Victoria.	land.	Australia.	Australia.	mania.	Capital Territory.	Total.
1951-52 1952-53		. 156,602	142,358	41,516	30,792	21,810	8,872	471	402,421
1952-53 1953-54 1954-55		107 471	131,998 154,885 176,147	43,796 51,032 53,873	30,063 32,802 36,287	22,091 25,339 26,247	8,850 9,938 10,716	580 775 821	389,316 446,480 491,562
Quarter ended-									
June,	955 .	. 198.869	181.117 182,826 172,984	51,719 54,955 56,203	36,799 37,992 36,669	26,961 26,187 25,062	10,579 11,849 10,984	861 954 926	490,982 513,632 496,363
December,	56 .	100 010	195,159 182,530	58,105 52,606	40,625 40,150	27.463 28,201	11,336 11,130	999 1,109	545.093 505,739
Month of— January, 19	056 .	. 183,864	172,174	E0 070	39,302	30.046	10 499	1 105	400.000
February,)56 .	. 187,143	172,174 183,970 191,084	52.876 50,901 54,467	39,794 41,445	27,799 26,859	10,433 10,854 12,173	1,135 1,043 1,166	489,830 501,504 526,942

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, 31st MARCH, 1956.

Particulars.	Rate per Annum.	Date from which Operated.	Previous Rate per Annum.
	Per cent.		Per cent.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—			
Rural Credits Department—Government Guaran-			
teed Loans	334	1.8.52	31
—Other	4	1.8.52	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Mortgage Bank Department Loans—			
5 to 20 years	$4\frac{1}{2}$	1.8.52	4
Over 20 years	45	1.8.52	41/8
Industrial Finance Department—Term Loans Commonwealth Savings Bank—	434	1.8.52	41
Loans to Local Government Authorities	53 to 51	29.3.56	47 to 5
Crédit Foncier Housing Loans	41	1.8.52	37
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia(a)—			
Overdraft—General	43	1.8.52	41
Local Government Authorities	41/2	1.8.52	4
Other Trading Banks—Overdraft (Maximum Rate)	5	1.8.52	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Life Assurance Companies—Loans on own policies	5 to 51	1.4.54	5
Commonwealth Loans—Long Term	41/2	25.11.52	33
Treasury Bills (Discount Rates)	1	1.8.52	34
Fixed Deposits with Trading Banks—			
3 months	21	15.3.56	11
6 months	$2\frac{1}{2}$	15.3.56	11/2
12 months	23	15.3.56	13/4
24 months	3	15.3.56	2
Savings Banks—Deposits other than Fixed De-			
posits—			
Commonwealth Savings Bank, Bank of New			
South Wales Savings Bank Ltd., the			
Australia and New Zealand Savings Bank			
Ltd., and the State Savings Bank of			
Victoria—			01
£1- £500	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1.1.55	21/4
£500-£1,000	11	1.8.52	1
£1,001-£1,500 (b)	14	1.6.54	
Savings Bank of South Australia—	01	20.70	01
£1- £500	21/2	1.8.52	21
£501- £750	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1.1.55	11/2
£751-£1,000	11/2	1.8.52	11/4
£1,001–£1,500 (b)	11/2	1.6.54	
Trustee Savings Banks, Hobart and Launces-			
ton—	0.0		01
£1- £450 (c)	, 23/4	1.1.55	$2\frac{1}{2}$

⁽a) Rates quoted prior to 3rd December, 1953, are for the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of £1,500 except on deposits in Friendly and other Society accounts. The current rates for these accounts are—On amounts up to £2,000, 2½ per cent. : £2,001 and over, 1½ per cent. : (8 avings Bank of South Australia, 1½ per cent.) (c) No interest is payable on amounts in excess of £450.

BANK, ETC., INTEREST RATES, AND SECURITY YIELDS. (Per Cent.)

				Tradin	g Banks-			G!1/1		C'wealth. Govt.		Private First Mortgages
Peri	ho		Fixed 1	Deposits.		Overdrafts.		C'wealth. Savings Bank Deposits	Treasury Bills		rities.	Regis- tered in New
ren	ou.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.	C'wealth. Trading Bank.(a)	Trading	(Maxi- mum Rate of Interest).	(Discount Rates).	Short-dated 2 Years.	Long- dated 12 Years. (b)	South Wales Urban
1938-39		2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.25	(e)	2.00	1.75	(f)3.67	(f)3.84	5.4
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55	::	0.50 0.50 0.96 1.00 1.13	0.75 0.75 1.21 1.25 1.38	1.00 1.00 1.46 1.50 1.63	(g)1.50 1.50 1.73 1.75 1.88	(h)4.25 4.25 4.71 4.75 4.75	4.50 4.50 4.96 5.00 5.00	2.00 2.00 2.23 2.25 2.25	0.75 0.75 0.98 1.00 1.00	1.99 2.05 3.03 3.10 3.49	3.21 3.95 4.54 4.44 4.50	4.4 4.4 4.7 4.9 5.2
Month of Mar., June Sept. Dec.,	f— 1955 ,,	1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25	1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75	2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00	4.75 4.75 4.75 4.75	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00	2.50 2.50 2.50 2.50 2.50	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	3.49 4.23 4.23 4.19	4.53 4.51 4.51 4.53	(i) 5.3 5.5 5.5 5.7
Jan., Feb., Mar.,	1956	1.25 1.25 (j)2.25	1.50 1.50 (j)2.50	1.75 1.75 (j)2.75	2.00 2.00 (j)3.00	4.75 4.75 4.75	5.00 5.00 5.00	2.50 2.50 2.50	1.00 1.00 1.00	4.13 4.26 4.68	4.54 4.57 5.12	5.8 5.8 5.9

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (c) This series has been revised and now covers both rural and urban securities. A dissection of mortgage registrations between urban and rural is no longer available. (d) Average of monthly quotations. (e) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. (f) Weighted averages for lons maturing in (i) under 5 years and (ii) over 10 years, for last Wednesday in month. Calculated when loans above par or earliest date of maturity. (g) From December, 1945, to July 1952, 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess, and from 1st August, 1952, 1.75 per cent. on first £10,000 deposit; 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess. (h) Since July, 1940, rate for Muncipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities, 0.25 per cent. lower. (i) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (j) From 15th March, 1956.

OVERSEA EXCHANGE RATES: AVERAGE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER SELLING RATES—SYDNEY ON OVERSEA COUNTRIES.

Cour	try	•	Basis of Quota	ation.	1938–39.	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954–55.	Mar., 1955.	Mar., 1956.
United Kingdo South Africa New Zealand Fiji United States	::	America	£A. to £100 Eng £A. to £100 S.A. £A. to £100 N.Z. £A. to £100 F. Dollars to £A.1		125.50 125.55 100.59 113.00 3.76	125.50 125.79 124.54 113.00 2.23	125.50 125.79 124.54 113.00 2.24	125.50 125.79 124.54 113.00 2.23	125.50 125.79 124.54 113.00 2.22	125.50 125.79 124.54 113.00 2.23
Canada Belgium Denmark France Holland		::	Dollars to £A.1 Francs to £A.1 Kroner to £A.1 Francs to £A.1 Florins to £A.1		3.78 110.94 17.78 141.21 6.94	2.16 110.72 15.30 781.16 8.40	2.19 110.88 15.34 777.96 8.34	2.17 110.60 15.36 776.71 8.42	2.19 110.49 15.35 774.94 8.42	2.23 110.43 15.32 780.35 8.44
Philippines Norway Noumea Sweden Switzerland	::	::	Pesos to £A.1 Kroner to £A.1 Francs to £A.1 Kroner to £A.1 Francs to £A.1	::	7.53 15.80 (a) 15.41 16.59	4.42 15.82 138.94 11.51 9.68	4.46 15.83 138.65 11.49 9.69	4.45 15.84 138.61 11.51 9.71	4.42 15.84 138.61 11.52 9.74	4.43 15.84 138.61 11.51 11.72
Hong Kong India Pakistan Ceylon Singapore			Pence Aust. to 1 Pence Aust. to 1 Pence Aust. to 1 Pence Aust. to 1 Pence Aust. to 1	Rupee Rupee Rupee	18.88 22.60 (b) (c) 35.22	18.83 22.77 32.69 22.81 35.40	18.83 22.76 32.69 22.81 35.30	18.84 22.73 32.69 22.80 35.42	18.84 22.73 32.69 22.81 35.47	18 77 22 72 22 72 22 80 35 46

⁽a) Not available. (b) Pakistan created separate Dominion from 15th August, 1947. Previously part of India. (c) Ceylon created separate Dominion from 4th February, 1946. Quotations previously same as India.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS IN AUSTRALIA (a)

Exoludes Business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office.

New Policies Issued and Policies Matured and Otherwise Discontinued.(b)

			•	New P	olicies Is	sued.		Pol		ured and ontinued		ise
Pe	riod.		Ordin Depart	nary Industruent. Depart			Total	Ordin Depart		Industrial Department.		Total
			No.	No. Sum As- sured.	No.	Sum As- sured.	As- sured.	No.	Sum As- sured.	No.	Sum As- sured.	Sum As- sured.
1939			135,511	£'000. 46,635	385,498	£'000. 18,542	£'000. 65,177	76,917	£'000. 24,094	262,096	£'000. 12,132	£'000. 36,226
1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55					274,232 239,569	33,804 35,347 32,569 32,809	286,687	110,274 117,886 143,766 149,683	59,272 67,157 81,268 93,932	250,106 261,779		
Quarter end March, June, September December March,	1955 r, ",	::	50,478 71,397 93,460 74,225 58,334	87,958 98,585 95,005	57,373 60,451 54,380	5.948 8,789 9,441 8.597 6,061	89,747 108,026	41,880 42.195		68,080 63,179 76,990	5,658 4,877 6,610	33,842
Month of— January, February March,	1956		13,527 20,759 24,048	20,434	16,586	2,495	22.929	12,139		26,723	2,701	11,137

⁽a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (e) Includes policies which became due for payment on account of death or maturity, policies surrendered and policies discontinued for other causes.

Premiums Received, Amounts Paid on Claims, Surrenders, &c., and New Loans Granted.(a) (£'000.)

		Premiums. (b)		Clai	ms, &c., Paid	.(e)	12
Period.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Total.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Total.	New Loans Granted.(d)
1939	13,732	6,490	20,222	10,024	3,632	13,656	(e)
1951–52 1952–53 1953–54 1954–55	43,817 50,237 56,152 62,101	13,224 13,761 14,062 14,616	57,041 63,998 70,214 76,717	17.287 18,911 21.148 23,791	6,558 7,426 8.036 8,853	23,845 26.337 29 184 32,644	47,555 36,136 34,459 51,825
Quarter ended— March, 1955 June, " September, " December, " March, 1956	13,991 17,611 17,586 16,884 15,216	3,114 3,781 3,635 4,104 3,166	17,105 21,392 21,221 20,988 18,382	5,218 6,188 7,161 6,781 6,065	2,109 2,259 2,520 2,311 2,204	7,327 8,447 9,681 9,092 8,269	11,804 16,063 14,491 15,931 12,938
Month of— January, 1956 February, ,, March, ,,	4,786 4,990 5,440	641 1,229 1,296	5,427 6,219 6,736	1,619 2,250 2,196	595 769 840	2,214 3,019 3,036	3,518 4,376 5,044

⁽a) Includes Papua and New Guinea. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on maturity, amounts paid on surrender of policy, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Excludes advances of premiums. (e) Not available.

Section VII .- Public Finance.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—RECEIPTS. (£'000.)

Customs	Sources of Revenue			1938-	39.	1953-54.	1954–55.		nths ended rch—
Customs								1955.	1956.
Excise 16.472 125.460 143.149 107.689 127.689 128.689 100.446 75.209 77.689 17.6	0 1			01	101	04.757	101.054		
Sales Tax	77								66,585 121,326
Flour Tax (a)									79,103
Pay-roll Tax	Flour Tax (a)			1.8	809				***
Pay-roll Tax	Land Tax					221	13	10	
Estate Duty	Income Taxes (b)			11,8	883			258,550	277,123
Giff Duty				11	015			30,710	33,771
Entertainments Tax	and D								7,376
Wool Contributory Charge and Wool Tax(a)									1,384
Tax(a)			Wool			2,011		1	
Other Export Charges (a) (d) 168 305 212 728 Total, Taxation 74,111 900,450 937,613 560,381 592 BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—Postmaster-General's Department 17,366 67,798 72,825 54,189 58 Rallways—Trans-Australian 331 1,825 1,923 1,509 1 Central Australia 138 1,553 1,483 1,051 1 North Australia 50 68 70 40 40 Australian Capital Territory 7 15 29 9 9 Total, Railways 526 3,461 3,510 2,609 3 Broadcasting Services (e) 3,867 3,875 2,857 2 Total, Business Undertakings 17,892 75,126 80,210 59,655 64 TERRITORIES(f) 356 2,195 2,419 1,735 1 DTHER REVENUE—Coinage 128 750 725 300 2	Tax(a)			(c)	74	772	784	724	792
Total, Taxation Total Total									4,294
Total, Taxation									460
Business Undertakings— Trans-Australian 17,366 67,798 72,825 54,189 58	Stevedoring Industry Charge ((a)				1,630	998	728	697
Postmaster-General's Department	Total, Taxation			74,1	111	900,450	937,613	560,381	592,910
Railways									
Trans-Australian 331 1.825 1.928 1.509 1		ent		17,5	366	67,798	72,825	54,189	58,451
Central Australia									
North Australia									1,648
Australian Capital Territory 7				1					1,312
Total, Railways	North Australia								69
Broadcasting Services (e) 3.867 3.875 2.857 2	Australian Capital Territory					10	20	9	15
Total, Business Undertakings				- 5	526			2,609	3,044
CERRITORIES(f) 356 2.105 2.419 1,735 1 OTHER REVENUE— Coinage 128 750 725 300 200	Broadcasting Services			(e)		3,867	3,875	2,857	2,856
DTHER REVENUE	Total, Business Underta	kings		17.8	392	75.126	80,210	59,655	64,351
Coinage 128 750 725 300 2 Defence 151 2.809 4.106 3.207 2 Atomic Energy Commission 2.701 1.082 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 135 148 <	Territories(f)			3	356	2.195	2,419	1,735	1,675
Defence	THER REVENUE-								
Atomic Energy Commission Civil Aviation Civil Aviat	Coinage								100
Civil Aviation 6 4,313 4,644 2,469 Health 18 80 86 61 Attorney-General 111 322 371 270 Commerce and Agriculture 6 106 Shipping and Transport 152 391 321 211 Net Profit on Note Issue 767 5,707 5,516 4,784 6 Other 1,367 27.750 30,348 14,845 19 Total 2,706 45,019 47,199 26,282 29 GRAND TOTAL 95,065 1,022,790 1.067,441 648,053 688 PER HEAD OF POPULATION £ s. d.	Defence			1	51				2,574
Attorney-General	Atomic Energy Commission								12
Attorney-General	Civil Aviation								493
Commerce and Agriculture 6 108 108	nearth								72
Shipping and Transport 152 391 321 211 Net Profit on Note Issue 767 5.707 5.516 4.784 6. Other 1.367 27.750 30.348 14,845 19. Other 1.367 45.019 47.199 26,282 29. Other 29.				1			9/1	All and the second section	292
Net Profit on Note Issue .	Shipping and Transport			1			391	911	207
Other 1.367 27.750 30.348 14,845 19. Total 2.706 45.019 47,199 26,282 29. GRAND TOTAL 95.065 1,022.790 1.067,441 648,053 688. DER HEAD OF POPULATION £ s. d. £ s. d. <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>4 784</td> <td>6.540</td>								4 784	6.540
Total	011								19.207
GRAND TOTAL				2.7	06		47,199		29,497
Per Head of Population £ s. d. £ s	GRAND TOTAL								688,433
Taxation									
Business Undertakings		• •							£ 8. d.
Other 0 8 10 5 6 1 5 9 2 3 2 0 3 7			1000						
				0 8	10			0 2 0	
Total 13 14 2 114 18 4 117 8 7 71 15 5 74 7	Total	• •		13 14	2	114 18 4	117 8 7	71 15 5	74 7 6

⁽a) Paid to Trust Fund for purposes of industry concerned. (b) Includes Social Services Contribution. Wool Deduction, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (c) Wool levy for publicity and research. (d) Prior to 1952-53 treated as refunds of revenue. (e) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department, balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND—EXPENDITURE. (£'000.)

						ths ended
Heads of Expenditure).	1938-39.	1953-54.	1954-55.	Mar 1955.	ch— 1956.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Interest and Debt Redemption, n Capital Works and Services n.e.i. National Welfare Fund and Soci Subsidies and Bounties	.e.i.(b)	5,316 3,839 634 (d) 16,428 236	(a) 65,666 6,016 58,541 176,565 21,320	(a) 72,030 6,645 59,586 189,319 21,539	(a) 52,874 (c) 53,192 41,56 2 140,143 16,439	(a) 59,629 (c) 54,873 47,043 160,054 13,482
Defence Services		8,928	190,661	186,794	115,960	133,070
	(b)	9,665 8,227 1,365	63,679 39,425 17,158	58,507 44,548 17,270	(e) 32,768 10,415	(e) 35,008 11,142
Total, War and Repatriati	on Services	19,257	120,262	120,325	43,183	46,150
	on(b)	2,887 3,851 11,991	3,520 25,986 68,724	2,958 25,839 73,289	(e) 17,992 52,239	(e) 22,452 61,458
Total, Postmaster-Genera ment	Here is a second of the second of	18,729	98,230	102,086	70,231	83,910
Railways— Interest and Debt Redemptic Capital Works and Services Other		530 142 801	561 3,382 2,968	573 3,100 3,049	(e) 1,933 2,148	(e) 1,681 2,308
Total, Railways		1,473	6,911	6,722	4,081	3,989
Broadcasting Services— Capital Works and Services Other	.: ::		281 4,684	273 4,871	181 3,462	414 4,739
Total, Broadcasting Service	es	(f)	4,965	5,144	3,643	5,153
Total, Business Undertaki	ngs	20,202	110,106	113,952	77,955	93,052
Territories(g)— Interest and Debt Redemption Capital Works and Services Oversea Expenditure Other—		376 739 (h)	359 4,511 (h)	361 5.168 (h)	(e) 3,254 (h)	(e) 5,843 (i)209
Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory Papua-New Guinea		323 349 47 5	2,522 2,382 5,812 58	2,749 2,514 7,313 34	1,858 1,859 5,057 15	2,144 1,760 5,554 17
Total, Territories		1,839	15,644	18,139	12,043	15,528
Payments to or for the States— Interest on States' Debts(f) Redemption of States' Debts Special Grants Grants, for Road Constructio		7,585 1,478 2,020	7,585 3,463 15,400	7,585 3,947 12,300	5,689 2,898 8,888	5,689 3,282 13,700
poses Tax Reimbursement Grants States Grants—Special Assista Tuberculosis Act—Reimburs		4,266	22,057 120,415 21,915	22,361 130,046 19,902	15,552 78,022 11,943	19,372 84,965 9,207
		320	1,379 3,433	1,709 2,879	1,163 1,504	794 1,991
Total, Payments to or for	r the States	15,669	195,647	200,729	125,659	139,000
Other Expenditure		2,089	6,091	8,232	4,934	6,255
GRAND TOTAL		94,437	(7)966,519	(1)997,290	683,984	768,136
PER HEAD OF POPULATION	ON	£ s. d. 13 12 5	£ 8. d.	£ s. d.	£ 8. d. 75 15 0	£ s. d. 82 19 9

⁽a) Includes freight concessions on North Australia and Central Australia Railways. (b) Includes exchange on interest payments. (c) Includes Interest and Debt Redemption for War and Repatriation Services, Business Undertakings and Territories for which quarterly figures are not available. (d) For expenditure on Social Services see page 76. (e) Not available (see note (c)). (f) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account expenditure. (g) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (h) Allocated between territories. (f) Not allocable letween territories. (j) Excludes balance of interest payable on States debts (recoverable from States). (k) Includes contributions to South Australia for Port Augusta-Port Pirle Railway. (l) Excludes transfer of surplus revenue 1953—54, £58,271,000; and 1954—55, £70,151,000 to Trust Accounts.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	19	38–39.	1951–52.	19	952-53.	195	53-54.	195	54-55.	Total to 30th June 1955.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services Defence and War (1939-45) Services										372,990
and Post-war Charges			5,120		5,684		4,199		4,039	1,632,728
Works and Services— Defence Buildings, Works, Sites Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works Ships, Yards and Docks Lighthouses. Works and Services River Murray Waters Act Postmaster-General's Department Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services War Service Homes(a)	Cr. Cr.	1,912 305 1 1	 	Cr.	:: 1		::	Cr.	2	8,682 213 7,694 634 2,106 40,528
Railways Territories(b) Other Assistance to States	Cr.	7	Cr. 3 Cr. 1	Cr.	4	Cr.	1 12	Cr.	1 4	13,749 8,719 3,109
Housing Other		1,996	26,547		30,000		37,200	2	29,150	207,359 13,943 3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Bulldings, &c International Bank Dollar Loans(c) Swiss Loans(d)		3,594	26,542 23,831		29,986 17,935		37,187 21,468 5,792		29,143 23,575 5,930	317,597 90,853 11,722
GRAND TOTAL		3,594	55,493		53,605		68,646	1	62,687	2,425,890

⁽a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes administration and other public buildings, Australian Capital Territory. (c) Paid to National Debt Sinking Fund. (d) Paid to Swiss Loan Trust Account.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR DEFENCE, WAR (1939-45) AND POST-WAR CHARGES, ETC.(a)

				Alloca	tion of Pro	ceeds.		
			Number	Commo	nwealth.		18.7 to 1.0	
Year and Mont of Raising.	h	Amount Invited.	of Sub- scribers.	Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Charges.	Advances to States for Housing.	States.	Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
1949—March September 1950—March August November 1951—May August November 1952—March November 1953—March August November 1954—March August November August November August November August August		£'000. 43,239 25,912 40,875 12,898 21,253 40,000 40,000 13,233 20,000 29,789 50,000 35,000 40,000 37,594 50,000 40,000 35,000	54,860 63,504 46,768 46,302 32,160 46,192 22,628 12,909 26,925 20,841 30,977 24,974 26,832 18,383 13,245 23,627	£'000. 5,539 11,887 1,301 328	\$'000. 32,140 17,215 3,840 1,470 1,787 2,459 3,595 6,850 65 5	\$'000. 24,145 45,167 31,576 47,000 30,000 48,938 28,660 12,076 15,862 17,810 28,331 59,468 52,000 46,505 37,159 44,005 39,587	2, 3 ± 2, 3 ± 2, 3 ± 3, 4 ± 1, 3, 4	1952, 1960-63 1953, 1960-63 1953, 1960-63 1953, 1961-64 """ 1954, (b)1962-65 1954, 1962-65 1955, 1962 (c)1955, 1962 (d)1957, 1967 (d)1957, 1968 (g)1957, 1968 (g)1956, 1965,

⁽a) Excludes redemption and conversion loans. (b) Price of issue: £99. (c) Price of issue: £99 10s. (d) Price of issue: £98 10s. (e) Price of issue: £98 15s. (f) Price of issue: £99 5s. (g) Price of issue: £99 15s. (h) Not available.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, INDIVIDUALS—1953-54.(a)

Grade of Actual Incor		Number		Т	axable Incon	ne.	Net Income Tax and
and State or Territory Assessment.		of Tax- payers.	Actual Income.	Personal Exertion.	Property.	Total.	Social Services Contribu- tion Assessed.
££		No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
105- 200		171,542	26,629	23,590	2,045	25,635	333
201- 300		236,185	59,536	51,566	3.840	55,406	1,545
301- 400		267,598	93,910	80,672	4,793	85,465	3,790
401- 500		309,511	140,126	120,113	4,863	124,976	7,403
501- 600		338,499	185,833	157,461	4,896	162,357	11,574
601- 700 701- 800		386,310	252,814	203,524	4,761	208,285	16,830
001 000		512,708	384,575	301,525	4,876	306,401	27,291
001 1 000		387,149 248,599	327,948	252,755 179,634	4,647	257,402	25,140
1 001 1 050		290,659	235,311 320,242		4,259	183,893	19,636
1 051 1 500		106,361	144,498	241,931 109,398	8,771 6,993	250,702	30,365
1 701 0 000		86,566	148,087	113,757	10,401	116,391	16,915 22,042
2,000- 3,000 ···		65,865	159,143	125,601	13,871	124,158 139,472	32,713
3,001- 4,000		27,722	95,314	76,790	9,176	85,966	25,628
4,001- 5,000		13,876	61,738	49,827	6.570	56.397	19,983
5,001-10,000		17,527	115,555	92,292	14,730	107,022	49,956
10,001-15,000		2,624	31,250	24.086	4.980	29.066	17.022
15,001 and over		1,565	37,103	26,190	6,737	32,927	21,889
Total Residents		3,470,866	2,819,612	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Central Office		12,646	37,310	23,020	10,694	33,714	15,168
New South Wales		1,306,561	1,064,893	845,982	41,364	887,346	128,890
Victoria		1,002,947	790,846	626,383	36,745	663,128	92,400
Queensland		468,724	363,585	285,852	10,762	296,614	43,208
South Australia		315,444	271,120	217,563	11,586	229.149	35, 83
Western Australia		234,663	193,201	154,028	6,705	160,733	24,582
Tasmania Northern Territory		110,345	81,428	64,029	2,928	66,957	8,113
		5,234	4,549	3,566	49	3,615	445
Australian Capital Territor	гу	14,302	12,680	10,289	376	10,665	1,666
Total Residents		3,470,866	2,819,612	2,230,712	121,209	2,351,921	350,055
Total Non-Residents	••	4,056	4,215	838	3,072	3,910	1,092
Grand Total		3,474,922	2,823,827	2,231,550	124,281	2,355,831	351,147

⁽a) Assessed on income for year 1952-53.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION. Resident and Non-Resident Companies 1953-54.(a)

Grade of Taxable In State or Territory of .		Number of Taxpayers.	Actual Income.	Taxable Income.	Net Tax Assessed (b)
££		No.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
		16,717	27,588	23,036	5,004
5,001 - 10,000.		3,277	24,346	23,290	5,696
10,001 - 20,000.		2,229	34,561	31,577	8,764
20,001 - 50,000.		1,837	59,847	57,512	17,090
50,001 - 100,000.		732	52,953	51,571	15,935
100,001 - 200,000.		398	56,707	54,883	17,180
200,001 - 500,000.		204	71,814	60,992	19,015
500,001 and over .		90	122,556	110,853	34,930
Total .		25,484	450,372	413,714	123,614
Central Office .		2,994	216,922	188,474	58,211
New South Wales .		9,870	97,429	94,865	27,371
Victoria		6,898	66,647	64,712	18,599
Queensland .		1,732	24,446	23,053	7,176
South Australia .		2,181	23,226	22,641	6,144
Western Australia .		1,103	15,352	13,984	4,280
lasmania		599	5,813	5,491	1,728
Northern Territory		23	80	74	18
Australian Capital To	erritory	84	457	420	87
Total .		25,484	450,372	413,714	123,614

⁽a) Assessed on income for year 1952-53. (b) Includes additional tax levied on the undistributed income of private companies.

Commonwealth Gift Duty 1953-54.

Grade of Value of Gif	t as Assess	sed.	Number of Assessments (a)	Value as Assessed.	Net Duty Assessed.
£ £			No.	£'000.	£'000.
$1 - 1,000 \dots$			776	268	9
$1,001 - 2,000 \dots$			226	350	12
2,001 - 3,000			1,208	3,060	90
3,001 - 4,000			697	2,462	75
4,001 - 5,000			523	2,403	74
$5,001 - 10,000 \dots$			1,190	8,675	272
$0,001 - 20,000 \dots$			538	7,400	329
$20,001 - 50,000 \dots$			186	5,174	423
60,001 and over			14	965	156
Total			5,358	30,757	1,440

⁽a) Number of assessments assessed during 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1953-54.

Grad	e of D	utiable V	alue.	1113	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Assessed.
£ £ £ 1-1,000 1,001-2,000 2,001-3,000 3,001-4,000 4,001-5,000 5,001-10,000 10,001-20,000 2,001-50,000 5,001 and over	::	::			No. 5,584 3,039 1,844 1,408 1,095 2,912 2,154 1,321 264	£'000. 12.587 10.342 8.366 7.760 7.257 27.240 36.041 46.652 31,660	£'000. 2,463 4,428 4,552 4,867 4,899 20,598 30,765 38,721 22,626	£'000. 74 132 135 145 146 611 1,345 3,148 4,353
Total					19,621	187,905	133,919	10,089

⁽a) Number of estates assessed during year 1953-54.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

NOTE.—An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The affects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a) (£'000.)

	Net Sales of Tax-		Taxable Sales.(a)										
Period.	able and Exempt Goods.	8½ per cent.	per cent.	12½ per cent.	16% per cent.	20 per cent.	25 per cent.	33 ¹ / ₈ per cent.	50 per cent.	66% per cent.	Total.	Tax Pay- able.	
1938-39	477,147	196,491		!							196,491	9,363	
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1952-54	1,686,233 1,945,086 1,897.669 2,154,269	463,975 134,246	49,463 24,243	327,442 403,680 483,736	176,136	85,192 121,413 24,265	11,325 6,079 134	22,584 36,276 23,000 3,007		4,929 369	547,347 623,390 555,390 687,946	53,984 91.332 86,085 96,079	
1954–55 Quarter— 1954—	2,466,282		140,620	421,607	204,713						766,940	101,427	
Dec 1955—	633,544		45,843	110,278	51,904						208,025	27,021	
Mar	585,906		35,376	94,186	44,554						174,116	23,281	
June	651,800		37,729	102,143	51,945						191,817	25,198	
Sept	667,323			107.728	55.354						203.164	26.700	
Dec Month— 1955—	690,477		48,090	121,857	56,915					**	226,862	29,527	
Oct.	224,745		15,450	39,549	17,948						72,947	9,480	
Nov.	243,505		16,278	41,589	20,955						78,822	10.319	
Dec	222,227		16,362		18,012						75,093	9,728	

⁽a) The general rate was 4 per cent. to 21st September, 1938 and 5 per cent. to 8th September, 1939. The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. From 13th October, 1950, additional rates of 10 per cent. and 33½ per cent. were introduced. On 27th September, 1951, the general rate was increased to 12½ per cent. and rates of 20 per cent., 50 per cent. and 66½ per cent. were introduced. From 7th August, 1952, the rate of 66½ per cent. was reduced to 50 per cent. and the rate of 25 per cent. eliminated. From 9th September, 1953, the rates of 50 per cent. 33½ per cent. and 20 per cent. were eliminated and the rate of 16½ per cent. was introduced. From 19th August, 1954, the rate of 10 per cent. was re-introduced.

Note.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Roard—Included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. The following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1654-55 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States—(i) Treasury transfers to Railway revenue £1,000,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits £2,399,000 paid to Consolidated Revenue and then distributed to hospitals, have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £196,438,000 and from the Expenditure total of £201,154,000. In addition, £2,568,000 has been deducted from expenditure on account of centributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund from Business Undertakings and on account of contributions from Consolidated Revenue Fund towards losses on Transway and Omnibus Services, Alth ugh contributions towards accumulated losses of Business Undertakings have been made from Consolidated Revenue Fund in previous years, no adjustment to aggregate expenditure was made until 1952–53. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The following Treasury transfers to Business Undertakings have been excluded from Revenue and Expenditure—New South Wales (as stated above)—Railways £1,000,000; Victoria—Railways £2,148,000

and South Australia-Railways £3,200,000.

STATE REVENUES. (£'000.)

		1.0					
Sources of Revenue and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas. (a)(b)	Total.
		1	954-55.				
Taxation(c)	21,232 73,361	20,861 37,695	8,735 30,805	7,547 13,106		2,690	64,822 167,437
Tramways and Omni- buses	11,475				986		12,461
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings Land Interest n.e.i.	3,093 4,431 1,050	2,259	3,827 1,720	4,721 379 3,334			17,384 12,308 13,351
Commonwealth Payments (e)	61,373 17,024		25,192 3,541	16,114 3,483		7,943 1,103	169.834 35,300
Total Revenue 1954-55	193,039	116,789	73,820	48,684	46,070	14,495	492,897
Total Revenue per head	£ s. d. 55 16 0	£ s. d. 46 18 9	£ s. d. 55 14 0	£ s. d. 60 5 10	£ s. d. 70 19 10	£ s. d. 46 6 3	£ s. d. 54 10 2
1953-54 1952-53 1951-52 1950-51	186,642 180,908 167,095 128,298	96,995 81,661	63,171 55,753	48,376 44,251 37,588 31,072	38,725 33,955	(b) 12,061 (b) 10,469	468,343 436,111 386,521 304,432
1938-39	51,098	26,985	19.330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282

STATE EXPENDITURES.

		(;	£'000.)				
Heads of Expenditure and Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
		1	954-55.				
Interest and Charges on Public Debt Railways	22,186 64,562	16,782 35,618	10.158 30,041	9,725 14,556	7,327 14,497	4,216	70,394 159,274
Tramways and Omni- buses	13,506				1,137		14,643
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings Education	2,316 32,157 16,319 3,881 40,260	4,133 19,423 14,574 3,559 21,364	250 8,768 7,807 2,004 14,574	3,869 6,238 3,905 743 11,882	3,484 6,568 3,627 1,167 (h) 8,747	(g) 997 3,133 1,493 594 (i) 4,274	15.049 76,287 47,725 11,948 101,101
Total Expenditure 1954-55	195,187	115,453	73,602	50,918	46,554	14,707	496,421
Total Expenditure per head	£ s. d. 56 8 5	£ s. d. 46 8 0	£ s. d. 55 10 8	£ s. d. 63 1 2	£ s. d. 71 14 9	£ s. d. 46 19 9	£ s. d. 54 18 0
1953-54 1952-53 1951-52 1950-51	186,514 180,811 166,997 128,265	106,037 97,360 84,067 63,889	69.353 62,980 55.708 44,625	46,566 44,226 37,499 30,842	43,699 39,233 34.547 28,814	(b)13.270 (b)11.763 (b)10.871 (b) 8,066	465,439 436,373 389,689 304,501
1938-39	53.558	27,773	19.316	12,701	11,170	3.641	128,159

⁽a) Revenue includes balance of Special Grant for 1952-53—South Australia -£1.100.000. Western Australia +£350.000. Tasmania -£600.000. (b) Excludes particulars of transport services, n. w. under control of the Transport Commission. (c) For total receipts from various forms of taxation. Commonwealth and State, 1954-55, see p. 74. (d) Gross collections. (e) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (f) Includes contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metronolitan Transvays. £17,000. (g) Losses of Transport Commission. (h) Includes reduction of 1952-53 deficit, £350,000. (i) Includes reduction of 1952-53 adjusted surplus, -£600,000.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR, 1954-55.

		100	. 000.,				
Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services—							-
Railways	12,232	8,168	4,122	1,831	4,951	235	01 100
Tramways and Omnibuses	318		1,122	700	Cr. 75	131	31,539
Roads and Bridges	000	1,092	Cr. 451	181		191	1,074
Harbours, Rivers, Lights,	200	1,002	07. 401	101		722	E 000
&c.	1,835	265	14	790	960	16 122	5,608
Water Supply and Sew-	1,000	200	1	100	800)	
erage	2,338	9,399	1,247	6.595	2,488	273	22,340
Electricity Supply	11,500	2,000	-,	5,000	705	7,326	26.531
Public Buildings	12,261	11,171	3,217	2,172	1,997	2,242	33.060
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 21	Cr. 8	0,21	2,1,2	1,001	2,232	Cr. 29
Housing	401	15	666	1,803	1,575	2,421	6.881
Other(h)	357	284	5,243	99	203	444	6,630
Primary Production-							0,000
Land Settlement (c)		3,393	335	98	Cr. 1	273	6,828
Water Conservation, Irri-							0,020
gation and Drainage	5,756		1.933	1.012	342		9,043
Other	1,407	877	1,698	2,495	231	255	6,963
Other purposes		2,124		668	1,355	Cr. 70	4,077
Total Works, &c	51,314	38,780	18,024	23,444	14,731	14,252	160,545
	£ s. d.	£ 8. d.	£ s. d.	£ 8. d.	£ 8, d.	£ s. d.	0 0 3
Per Head	14 16 8	15 11 9	13 12 0	29 0 8	22 14 0	45 10 8	£ s. d.
Non-Works-	11 10 0	10 11 0	10 12 0	20 0 0	22 14 0	39 10 9	11 19 1
Revenue, &c., Deficits						302	302
Other (d)	349	242		62	117	135	905
	-				21.	100	300
Grand Total	51,663	39,022	18,024	23,506	14,848	14.689	161.752

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1955. (£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(e)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works and Services-							
Railways	247,392	126,780	102,359	52,649	55,310	14.114	598,604
Tramways and Omnibuses	18.351			7,141	1,979	131	27,602
Roads and Bridges	21,681	19,306	10,438	4,867	3,183)	21,002
Harbours, Rivers, Lights,				,,,,,,	0,100	11,095	136,971
&c	32,589	2,915	4,108	13,071	13,718	11,000	100,011
Water Supply and Sew-				,	10,110	,	
erage	50,011	85,544	9.388	51,282	27,330	1,660	225.215
Electricity Supply	86,186	43,089		31,650	14,482	51,095	226,502
Public Buildings	74,899	60,267	23,284	14,845	14,027	11,081	198,403
Unemployment Relief	16,008	13,147		22,020	11,021	331	29,486
Housing	9,610	9,960	7,830	32,109	5,726	12,480	77.715
Other (b)	14,515	5,865	45,833	2,663	3,157	4,528	76,561
Primary Production—			,	2,000	0,10,	1,020	10,001
Land Settlement (c)	40,293	88,488	9,923	9,550	13,164	2,718	164,136
Water Conservation, Irri-			,,,,	0,000	20,202	2,110	101,100
gation and Drainage	48,174		8,336	12,649	6,683		75.842
Other	17,222	19,175	22,994	13,977	16,969	2,509	92,846
Other purposes	89	19,416		5,187	16,164	2,354	43,210
Total Works 6-	677,020	493,952	244,493	-			-
Non-Works—	011,020	400,002	244,490	251,640	191,892	114,096	1,973,093
Revenue, &c., Deficits	38,948	15,455	5,826	8,730	10 175	0 470	04.010
Othon (2)	27,901	10,446	15,998		12,175	3,478	84,612
0 1 1 1 1 1		-	-	3,408	6,154	1,968	65,875
Grand Total	743.869	519,853	266,317	263,778	210,221	119,542	2,123,580

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes loans to Local Bodies, &c. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (e) Aggregate gross loan expenditure.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1955.

		Public	Debt.			Interest	Payable.	
State.	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	 £'000. Aust. 522,978 363,246 188,735 196,858 141,073 102,593	£'000. Stg. 122,141 44,777 43,583 35,461 35,770 6,992	£'000. (a) 10,480 3,176 4,156 2,450 1,038 220	£'000. (h) 655,599 411,199 236,474 234,769 177,881 109,805	£'000. Aust. 18,381 13,254 6,631 7,058 4,940 3,769	£'000. Stg. 3,915 1,448 1,446 1,123 1,108 232	£'000. (a) 353 110 143 91 37	£'000. (c) 22,649 14,812 8,220 8,272 6,083 4,008
Total	 1,515,483	288,724	21,520	1,825,727	54,033	9,272	741	64,04

⁽a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State public debt leaving out of exchange. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(Tables on this page are prepared from information published in the monthly statements issued by each Treasury.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vie.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
		NINE	Months 1	ENDED MA	ARCH, 195	5.			
Taxation Business Undertakings— Railways	37,270 14,767 55,573 10,808	14,040 28,045	6,425 23,710	5,644	2,741 9,216	1,946		560,381	::
041	15,298								•••
Total	133,716	74,471	51,336	33,392	32,062	9,451	334,428	648,053	873,420
Debt Services Business Undertakings (d)—	15,193				5,379	2,848	49,108		••
Other	49,806 11,179 63,914	552		2,749	2,542		120,169 17,022 165,000	55,701	
Total	. 140,092	79,440	51,881	36,251	33,401	10,234	351,299	683,984	926,222
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	- 6,376	- 4,969	- 545	- 2,859	- 1,339	- 783	- 16,871	- 35,931	- 52,802
		NINE M	ONTHS EN	DED MARG	тн, 1956.				
Taxation	39,004 17,001		15,610 7,252	12,768 6,025	14,424 3,013	6,517 2,660	113,589 51,197		::
Other	55,794 10,800 15,630	488	22,863 5,731	9,552 4,265 5,127	9,498 3,131 4,546	2.890	124.913 18,684 42.294	61,307	
Total	. 138,229	76,576	51,456	37,737	34,612	12,067	350,677	688,433	921,029
Debt Services Business Undertakings (d)	16,365	13,250	7,929	8,240	6,100	3,352	55,236		::
Other	52,330 11,495 69,547	27,335 502 46,972	23,348 24,638	11,095 2,959 18,699	$ \begin{array}{c} 11.755 \\ 2,857 \\ 17,427 \end{array} $	(f) 530 155 8,392	126,393 17,968 185,675	2.308 66,197 505,758	••

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768,136 1,035,327

149,737

88,059

Total

Surplus (+) or Deficit (-) ..

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

N		onths ende	ed	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.
1955 1956	::		::	31,947 32,278	23,148 23,540	10,874 13,659	13,846 15,287	9,852 9,616	9,963 8,836	99,630 103,216	19,398 24,035	119,028 127,251

⁽a) Excludes payment to National Debt Sinking Fund on account of the International Bank Dollar Loans and payment to Swiss Loan Trust Account on account of Swiss Loans.

⁽a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, special financial assistance, interest on States' debts, special grants and prices, &c., control reimbursement grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes payments to State trust funds. (d) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (e) Loss by Transport Commission.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1954-55.(a)

(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Land Tax.	Probate and Suc- cession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Enter- tainments (including Racing).		Total Taxes.
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania		19 22 9 1	2,624 1,206 568 391 207	9,589 6,305 2,513 1,661 1,062 472	6,314 4,172 2,613 1,227 1,250 451	10,847 6,329 5,118 3,238 1,458 793	2.789 3,096 285 1,070 631 462	2,519 4,949 1,900 155 417 751	32,079 27,497 13,644 7,920 5,210 3,136
Total States Commonwealth	244,403	52 532,916	4,998 13	21,602 9,614	16,027	27,783	8,333 -2	10,691 b 150,669	89,486 937,613
Grand Total	244,403	532,968	5,011	31,216	16,027	27,783	8,331	161,360	1,027,099

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

	1					-				1			1			1	-				-	1					-
New South Wales				0	0	1				2	15	6	1	16	6	3	2	8	0	16	1	0	14	7	9	5	5
Victoria	1			0	0	2	1	1	1	2	10	8	1	13	7	2	10	11	1	4	11	1	19	9	111	1	1
Queensland	1			0	0	2	0	18	2	1	17	11	1	19	5	3	17	3	0	4	3	1	8	9	10	5	11
South Australia							0	14	1	2	1	2	1	10	5	4	0	3	1	6	6	0	3	9		16	2
Western Australia				0	0	1	0	12	0	1	12	9	1	18	6	2	4	11	0	19	5	0	12	11	8	0	7
Tasmania	1						0	13	3	1	10	2	1	8	9		10		1	9	6	2		0	10	0	4
Total States				0	0	1	0	11	1	2	7	9	1	15	5	3	1	5	0	18	5	1	3	9	9	17	11
Commonwealth	26	17	9	58	12	6				1	1	2										b16	11	1 6	103	2	11
Grand Total	26	17	9	58	12	7	0	11	0	3	8	8	1	15	3	3	1	1	0	18	3	17	15	0	112	19	7

(a) Includes taxes paid to special funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 75 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Includes Sales Tax £100,446,000, £11 14s. 11d. per head of population; and Pay-roll Tax, £41,455,000, £4 11s. 2d. per head of population.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

(£'000.)

		T	axation by Con	mmonwealth	Government.		Taxation	
	Year.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.	Taxation by State Govern- ments. 50,519 63,150 71,158 80,400 89,486	Total Taxation.
1938-39		 47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,519	124,630
1951-52		 213,917	(a) 551,142	95,459	73,493	934,011	63,150	997,161
1952-53		 183,824	(a) 554,737	89,067	67,836	895,464	71,158	966,622
1953-54		 220,217	(a) 528,181	95,689	56,363	900,450	80,400	980,850
1954-55		 244,403	532,916	100,446	59,818	937,613	89,486	1,027,099

Per Head of Population. (£ s. d.)

1938-39	 1	6	17	5	1	1	14	3	1	6	10	1	0	15	3	10	13	9	7	6	1	17	19	6
1951-52	 	25	1	8	a	64	12	6	11	3	10		8	12	4	109	10	4	7	8	10	116	18	5
1952-53	 	21	0	11	a	63	10	3	10	4	0		7	15	4	102	10	6	8	3	9	110	13	5
1953-54	 	24	14	10	a	59	6	11	10	15	0	1	6	6	8	101	3	5	9	1	7	110	4	1
1954-55	 	26	17	9	1	58	12	6	11	1	0	1	6	11	8	103	2	11	9	17	11	1112	19	7

(a) Includes Wool Deduction—1951-52, £5,963,000 (14s. 0d. per head); 1952-53, —£2,223,000 (-5s. 1d. per head) and 1953-54, —£239,000 (-6d. per head).

TAXATION .- COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1954-55.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
C W	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Reimbursement State Tax Collections	50,697 32,079	32,397 27,497	20,897 13,644	11,414 7,920	10,238 5,210	4.403 3,136	130,046 89,486
Total	82,776	59,894	34,541	19,334	15,448	7,539	219,532
Per head of population	£ s. d. 23 18 6	£ s. d. 24 1 5	£ s. d. 26 1 3	£ s. d. 23 18 10	£ s. d. 23 16 1	£ s. d. 24 1 9	£ s. d. 24 5 7

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

		Where		At 30th	June—		At 31st
Particulars	1	Redeemable or Payable.	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	December, 1955.
			To	OTAL DEBT. (£'000.)			
War (1914-		Australia £A. London £Stg.(a)	175,194 11,020	144.799 7,534	138,430 7,534	126.545 7.534	123,737 7,534
War (1939-	15)	Australia £A. London £Stg.		1,467.002 5,775	1,458,992 5,775	1,439.107 5.725	1,423.241 5,725
Works, &c.		Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c) Canada	43,303 72.097 15,913	176.842 50.071 36,192	209,587 49,478 41,933 6,126	232,797 49,036 50,722 12,251	326,261 49,026 54,284 12,251 3,082
Total		Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c) Canada	218,497 83,117 15,913	1,788.643 62.380 36,192	1,807,009 62,787 41,933 6,126	1,798,449 62,295 50,722 12,251	1,873,239 62,285 54,284 12,251 3,082
Total(d)			317,527	1,888,215	1,917,855	1,923,717	2,005,141
State		Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b)	485,179 384 328 28.265	1,230,404 289,493 23,751	1,379,019 288,392 21.537	1,515,483 288,724 21,520	1,581,761 288,527 21,346
Total(d)			897,772	1,543,648	1,688.948	1,825,727	1,891.634
Grand Total	•••	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c) Canada	703,676 467,445 44,178	3,019.047 352.873 59,943	3,186.028 351.179 63.470 6,126	3,313,932 351.019 72,242 12,251	3,455.000 350.812 75.630 12.251 3 082
Total(d)		Canada	1.215.299	3,431.863	3,606.803	3,749,444	3,896,775
20001(0)	••		DEBT PER I	HEAD OF POPUL			
Grand Total		Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £(b) Switzerland(c) Canada	100 19 10 67 1 8 6 6 10	342 9 6 40 0 7 6 16 0	354 10 8 39 1 7 7 1 3 0 13 8	360 3 8 38 3 0 7 17 0 1 6 8	373 5 5 37 18 0 8 3 5 1 6 5 0 6 8
Total(d)			174 8 4	389 6 1	401 7 2	407 10 4	420 19 11
20001(4)			ANNUAL	INTEREST PAYA	BLE.		
Grand To	tal I	Australia £A.	25,585	86,576	94.924	104,840	108.395
Commonwe and State	alth	London £Stg.(\(\sigma\) New York £(\(b\) Switzerland(\(c\)) Canada	18,366 2,219	11,355 2,453	11,353 2,599 245	11,363 2,937 475	11.356 3,099 475 123
Total(e)		Canada	46,170	100.384	109.121	119.615	123,448
20004(0)			GE RATES OF	INTEREST PAY.	ABLE PER CENT	:.	
		Australia London(a)	3 12 9 3 18 7 5 0 6	2 17 4 3 4 4 4 1 10	2 19 7 3 4 8 4 1 11	3 3 3 3 4 9 4 1 4	3 2 9 3 4 9 4 2 0
Commonwealt and State	•	New York Switzerland Canada	5 0 6	* 1 10	4 0 0	3 17 6	3 17 6

(a) Excludes debt (£79,724,000) and interest payable (£3.920,000) due to United Kingdom Government under the Funding Arrangements Act 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government.

(b) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1.

(c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1.

(c) Payable in Swiss francs converted on the basis of \$7.9512 ft. to £1.

(d) The total "face" or "book" values of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment on account of differences in currency (see note (b)).

(e) Nominal amount, taking no account of exchange.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

		11									
			At 30th June—								
Debt.	Where Redeemable.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	March, 1956.				
Commonwealth	Australia £A London £Stg	108,280 1,220	153,280 970	225,000 720	190,000 470	160,000 220	280,000 45				
State	Australia £A London £Stg	2,400 22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	26,068	6,400 26,068				
Total	Australia £A London £Stg	110,680 24,088	153,280 23,838	225,000 23,588	190,000 23,338	160,000 26,288	286,400 26,113				

⁽a) Included above; excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

Section VIII.—Social Statistics.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES. (£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	1938–39.	1952–53.	. 1953–54.	. 1954–55.	Nine Months ended March		
						1955.	1956.
Social Benefits—							
Age and Invalid Pensions		15,992	72,424	81,293	88,006	66,498	76,228
Child Endowment			53,244	50,761	52,530	39,549	47,555
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service			454	429	451	327	365
Funeral Benefits			270	288	304	237	248
Maternity Allowances.		436	3,248	3,226	3,362	2,493	2,527
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Widows' Pensions			6,255	4,543	2,640	1,998	1,828
National Health Services—			6,334	6,626	6,862	5,224	5,775
Hospital Renefita			7 000	0.000			
Medical Renefita			7,223	8,330	9,321	7,031	7,195
Medical Benefits for Pensioners			1,740	1,434	4,210	2,954	3,887
Nutrition of Children			1,521	2,115 1,999	2,516	1,883	2,182
Pharmaceutical Benefits	::		6,487	8,219	2,237	1,374	1,517
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners			729	1,011	9,445	6,315	7,259
Miscellaneous	::		183	216	1,295 258	945	1,113
Mental Institution Benefits			523	495	225	180	175
Tuberculosis Campaign (a)			4,876	5,580	5,657	207 2,929	2,208
Total		16,428	165,511	176,565	189,319	140,144	160,054

⁽a) Includes allowances and reimbursements to States for maintenance of hospitals.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS.

State and Year.		Number of Pensioners at 30th June.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.				Pensions Paid during Year.(a)				
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Inva- lid.		Age	e.		Inv		Amount.	t. P Hea Po		of
					1992	£	8.	d.	£	8.	d.	£'000.	£	8.	d.
			1954-	-55.											
New South Wales Victoria Queensland. South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital	173,896 106,406 62,837 39,370 28,833 13,679 123	38,159 17,074 11,638 4,667 4,191 2,681 21	212,055 123,480 74,475 44,037 33,024 16,360 144	498 422 467 480 438 435 70	109 68 87 57 64 85 12	6 6 6	13 13 12	11 10 8 1 10	6 6 6	18 15 17 17 17 18 (b)	7 1 10 5 6 8	36,874 21,527 13,027 7,655 5,759 2,999 26	8 9 9 8 9	16 9 17	2 1 7 7 6 7 9
Territory Abroad	412	67	479	127	21		(c)			(c)		79 60	2	11	0
Australia	425,556	78,498	504,054	463	85	6	14	7	6	17	7	88,006	9	13	8
1953-54 1952-53 1951-52 1950-51	397,784 374,791 352,049 342,806	73,732 70,232 67,963 68,918	471,516 445,023 420,012 411,724	443 425 408 407	82 80 79 82	6 6 5 4	14 8 14 15	4 2	6 5	16 10 16 16	10 11 4 8	81,293 72,424 59.788 49,520	9 8 7 5	2 5 0 19	8 10 2 3
1938–39	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128		(d))		(d)		15,992	2	в	2

⁽a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Homes for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these homes and from year 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners (b) Included with South Australia. (c) Included with New South Wales. (d) Combined rate 38s. 5d. NOTE.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay age pensions on 1st July, 1909, and invalid pensions on 15th December, 1910. Age pensions are payable to women of 60 years and over, and to men of 65 years and over, who are natural-born or naturalized British subjects with residence for at least 20 years in Australia or Australian Territory. Invalid pensions are payable after five years' residence in Australia to natural-born or naturalized persons of sixteen years or over who are permanently incapacitated for work or are permanently blind and have become so in Australia. Fortnightly rate £8 from 27th October, 1955. These pensions are subject to income and property qualifications.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT.

	Endowed at 30th		Number per Popula		Amount paid during Year.				
State, &c. and Year.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children.	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per Head Populati			
	No.	No.			£'000.	£	8.	d.	
		1954	-55.						
New South Wales	495,063	1.026,195	1.418	2,940	19,422	5	12	3	
Victoria	350,395	729.399	1,389	2.891	13,735	5	10	5	
Queensland	188,868	422,906	1,405	3,145	8,249	6	4	6	
South Australia	120,384	254,879	1,469	3,110	4,714	5	16	9	
Western Australia	96,621	212,025	1,467	3,220	4,069	6	5	5	
Tasmania	46,407	104,736	1,475	3,328	2,032	6	9	10	
Northern Territory	2,068	4,479	1,176	2,548	133	8	0	8	
Australian Capital									
Territory	4,009	8,670	1,236	2,674	170	5	8	7	
Abroad	412	878			6				
Australia	1,304,227	2,764,167	1,418	3,004	52,530	5	15	7	
1953-54	1,280,439	2.689,577	1,425	2,993	50,761	5	14	1	
1952 -53	1,246,986	2,599,026	1,415	2,948	53,244	6	1	11	
1951-52	1,205,421	2,493,246	1,396	2,887	46,625	5	9	4	
1950-51	1.150.847	2,365,177	1.366	2.808	43,585	5	5	0	

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions at 30th June, 1955, 24,394 in 392 institutions; 1954, 27,397 in 387 institutions; 1953, 24,951 in 376 institutions; 1952, 24,623 in 379 institutions; 1951, 23,753 in 370 institutions.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

From 20th June, 1950, the rate of endowment payable has been (i) where the endowee has the custody of one child only—5s. per week; (ii) where the endowee has the custody of two or more children—in respect of the elder or eldest child 5s. per week and in respect of each other child 10s. per week; and (iii) for each child in an approved institution 10s. per week.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS (4)

		June.(a)	Number of Children for whom	Average Fort-			Pensions I	aid duri	ng
State and Year.	Number.	Per 10,000 of Popula- tion.	Pensions Payable at 30th June.		nigh Rate Pensi	tly of	Amount.	Per Head of Popula- tion.	
				£	8.	d.	£'000.	8.	d.
		1954	1-55.						
New South Wales	17,006	49	8,076	6	9	8	2,818	16	3
Victoria	9,795	39	3,966	6	6	3	1,622	13	0
Queensland	7,123	53	3,365	6	8	6	1,179	17	10
South Australia	3,287	40	1,421	6	7	3	533	13	3
Western Australia	2,848	43	1,090	6	4	7	451	13	11
Tasmania	1,409	45	723	6	10	3	238	15	2
Northern Territory Australian Capital	19	11	9		(6)	3	4	2
Territory	60	19	33		(0	:)	9	5	10
Abroad						200	9		
Australia	41,547	45	18,683	6	8	2	6,862	15	1
1953-54	40,726	45	18,100	6	6	8	6,626	14	11
1952-53	41,028	47	17,980	6	0	0	6,334	14	6
1951-52	40,758	47	17,424	5	8	2	5,615	13	2
1950-51 :	41,962	50	17,717	4	10	10	4,828	11	8

(a) Excludes fourteen (1954-55), sixteen (1953-54), sixteen (1952-53), eleven (1951-52), and nine (1950-51), pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Homes. (b) Included in South Australia, (c) Included in New South Wales.

Note.—The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 30th June, 1942.
Provision is made for payment of pensions subject to income and property qualifications, to the following classes of women:—"A" Class—a widow who has one or more children under 16 years of age—£4 5s, per week; "B" Class—a widow not less than 50 years of age and without children under 16 years of age 37s, 6d, per week for 26 weeks after husband's death, or for approximately 39 weeks in certain cases; and "D" Class—a woman whose husband has been in prison for over six months, maintaining children under 16 years or who is not less than 50 years of age—£3 7s, 6d, per week. Rates are as from 18th October, 1955.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Year.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Overseas.	Australia
	•			NUMBER	OF CLAIM	s PAID.				
1938-39	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,204	5,213	3,940			1	80,916
1950-51 1951-52	72,003 72,688	50,210 52,144	29,155 30,737	17,864 17,380	14,986 15,074	7,250 7,626			119	191,587 195,722
1952-53	74,011	55,297	31,058 30,889	19,068 18,749	15,535 15,803	7,983 7,726			90	203,042 199,814
1953-54 1954-55	72,380 76,614	54,219 55,720	31,782	18,506	16,261	7,940	481	787	88	208,179
				Амот	INT PAID.	(£.)				
1938-39	167,710	110,219	70,723	37,860	28,338	21,764				436,614
1950-51	1,149,164	807,030	467,673	276,509	239,343	116,465			1,335	3,057,519
1951-52 1952-53	1,182,358	835,643 872,085	489,751 496,982	283,702 305,264	241,426 248,925	122,618 128,125	::	**	1,494 1,878	3,156,99 2 3,248,30 5
1953-54 1954-55	1,173,058	874,376 892,301	496,802 512,445	301,146 297,284	253,442 261,129	125,400 127,502	7,435	12,551	1,695 1,392	3,225,9 19 3,362,30 7

⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable have been as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased, by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS PAID.(a)

(For particulars of weekly average number of persons on benefit see page 96.)

				(£.)					
Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
			UNEMPLO	YMENT B	ENEFIT.				
1049-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55	1,064,698 25,324 55,135 2,686,297 1,247,216 253,974	6,666 7,731 11,215 923,732 507,676 99,305	141,446 22,485 114,226 662,099 581,865 270,416	33.089 350 1,025 132,042 50.213 12,386	18,163 5,360 4,374 123,732 75,904 26,709	2,010 1,194 1,036 41,845 42,589 15,952	:: :: :: 112	584	1,266,072 62,444 187,011 4,569,747 2,505,468 679,438
Quarter ended— March 1955 June ,, September ,, December ,, March, 1956	48,981 50,285 38,750 24,653 58,200	22.098 13,438 13,391 12,425 15,100	98,014 84,283 28,475 16.832 126,187	3.151 2,028 2,124 1.609 2,593	6.783 7,159 11,134 10.887 19,248	2,547 1,967 2,935 2,876 2,414	23 60 11 11 10	164 119 90 30 221	181.761 159,339 96,910 69,323 223,973
			SICKN	ESS BENE	EFIT.				
1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55	307,315 296,418 262,244 546,432 697,949 673,235	217.782 197.719 181,117 370,354 405,414 387,452	111,840 96,540 123,075 208,889 257,633 254,982	83,826 70,770 70,482 133,783 153,042 137,117	58,323 53,911 48,691 84,682 106,836 98,868	36,928 30,358 24,278 49,154 54,719 51,716	1,559	2,913	816,014 745,716 709,887 1,393,294 1,675,593 1,607,842
Quarter ended— March 1955 June ,, September ,, December ,, March, 1956	159,218 164,957 189,015 146,671 145,767	88.932 102,564 95,796 88.329 77,899	82.199 50,306 48,749 62.394 d 89,263	36,505 33,073 36,373 29,459 31,236	23,587 24,141 23,757 22,146 24,227	11,196 13,907 14,110 12,963 12,550	419 352 414 379 303	619 774 830 658 1,764	402,675 390,074 409,044 362,999 383,009

⁽a) In addition £424,338 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1949–50; £229,053 during 1950–51; £110,759 during 1951–52; £292,431 during 1952–53; £362,398 during 1958–54; and £352,587 during 1954–55, these amounts include payments to migrants. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954. (d) Includes £27,950 increase in advances to regional offices.

⁽b) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

NOTE.—The Social Services Act 1947–1955 provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is £2 10s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus £2 for dependent spouse and 5s for a dependent child. For unmarried inventles the rate of benefit is £1 10s. if under 18 years and £2 if 18 and under 21 years and 5s. for the first dependent child. In certain cases £2 per week may be paid in respect of claimant's house-keeper. Rates operated from 22nd September, 1952. For unemployment benefit, allowable income means income of claimant and spouse; for sickness benefit, allowable income means income of claimant only, but excludes amounts of up to £2 per week from an approved friendly Society. The permissible weekly income varies from 5s. for persons 16 years of age to £1 for adults and married persons. There is a waiting period of 7 days during which no payment is made.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS.

(i) War Pensions.

	Numb	er of War	Pensions Co June.	irrent		Average Fortnightly Rate of Pensions.					
Place of Payment and Year.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Total.	Inca tat Mem o For	ed bers f	De Inc	pend- nts of ceased and capaci- ated mbers Forces.	Pe	War en- iers.	Expenditure during Year.
					£ s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	e. d.	£'000.
			195	4-55.							
New South Walesb Victoria Queensland South Australia(c) Western Australia Tasmania United Kingdom Elsewhere	67,975 56,011 25,063 19,325 17,973 8,112 1,415 381	113,282 92,344 46,063 38,288 32,322 15,974 1,685 403	16,902 13,998 5,197 3,993 3,822 1,645 1,216	198,159 162,353 76,323 61,606 54,117 25,731 4,316 932	4 10 4 14 4 18 4 12 4 2 5 11 5 3 4 9	6 9 6 6 9	1 1 1 1 1 3	13 4 14 9 9 11 9 4 9 0 11 7 12 2 14 1	2 10 4	5 4 2 6 9 2 5 9	15,151 12,660 5,914 4,389 3,800 2,032 496 74
Total	196,255	340,361	46,921	583,537	4 13	2	1	12 8	2 1	3 0	44,516
1953-54 1952-53 1951-52 1950-51	192,203 188,395 184,848 180,836 77,151	324,514 308,757 292,952 274,654 144,571	46,949 46,822 47,015 47,185 27,571	563,666 543,974 524,815 502,675 249,293	4 6 4 1 3 13 3 6 1 19	1 4 4	1 1 1	11 5 11 1 8 9 9 1 16 6	2 2	0 4 8 5 4 6 2 6 8 8	36,797 24,353 31,845 26,192 7,819

⁽a) Includes Service Pensions in 1954-55. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(ii) Service Pensions.

Num	ber of Serv	rice Pension	ns Current	at 30th Ju	ne.			
Age.	Permanently Unemployable.		Pulmona	ry Tuber-	(Foto)	Average Fort- nightly Rate of	Expendi- ture during	
Merapers of Forces.	Members of Forces.	Dependants.	Members Depend- of Forces. Depend- ants.		Total.	Pensions.	Year.	
						£ s. d.	£'000.	
		195	4-55.					
4,177 2,148 1,821 856 1,290 274	1,683 1,380 966 614 698 214	1,708 1,245 851 623 624 235	191 86 36 22 38 6	274 106 50 46 42 12	8,033 4,965 3,724 2,161 2,692 741	5 8 9 5 6 11 5 11 0 5 5 4 5 6 0 5 0 6		
10,566	5,555	5,286	379	530	22,316	5 7 9		
9,648 8,703 7,587 7,456	5,294 4,971 4,561 4,492	5,092 4,780 4,270 3,911	321 291 269 279	451 432 389 374	20,806 19,177 17,076 16,512	5 4 2 4 16 6 4 6 9 3 13 11	2.695 2,225 1,778 1,507	
	Age. Merapers of Forces. 4,177 2,148 1,821 856 1,290 274 10,566 9,648 8,703 7,587	Age. Perma Unempi Members of Forces. Members of Forces. Perma 1,883 1,380 1,821 968 856 614 1,290 698 274 214 10,566 5,555 9,648 8,703 4,971 7,587 4,561 7,456 4,492	Age. Permanently Unemployable. Members of Forces. Members of Forces. 196 1,708 2,148 1,380 1,245 1,821 966 851 1,290 698 624 274 214 235 10,566 5,555 5,286 9,648 5,204 5,092 8,703 4,971 4,780 7,587 4,561 4,270 7,456 4,492 3,911	Age. Permanently Unemployable. Pulmonal Cube	Age. Permanently Unemployable. Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Members of Forces. Dependants. Members of Forces. Dependants. 1954-55. 1,683 1,708 191 274 2,148 1,380 1,245 86 106 1,821 966 851 36 50 856 614 623 22 46 1,290 698 624 38 42 274 214 235 6 12 10,566 5,555 5,286 379 530 9,648 5,294 5,092 321 451 8,703 4,971 4,780 291 432 7,587 4,561 4,270 269 389 7,456 4,492 3,911 279 374	Permanenty Unemployable. Pulmonary Tuber-culosis. Total.	Age. Permanently Unemployable. Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuber-culosis. Portage Forting and the property of Forces. Pulmonary Tuber-culosis. Potal. Pota	

⁽a) Included with War Pensions in 1954-55.
(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

(Number.)

				Sch	nolars.		
State or Territory and Yes	ar.	Schools.	Teachers.	Average Weekly Enrolment.	Average Daily Attendance.		
	(GOVERNMENT	Schools.				
		1953					
New South Wales(a) Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory(c) Australia		2,533 2,000 1,563 685 482 322 10	14,989 10,267 6,101 4,042 2,948 1,822 68	(b) 176.300 108,846 82,590 48,592 1,632	401,679 257,784 155,974 100,724 76,032 43,907 1,541		
1952 1951 1950 1949		7,620 7,648 7,790 7,874 9,940	38,407 36,740 36,085 34,090 31,199	1,088,037 1,012,874 958,112 917,256 859,663	974.934 899,514 844,123 810,800 744,095		

Non-Government Schools.(d)

1953. New South Wales(a) 760 6,105 145,380 134,746 Victoria 109,607 51,169 489 3.449 (e) 100,742 Queensland 271 1,975 46,578 1,057 South Australia 148 23,631 21,318 Western Australia .. 229 881 26,005 24.531 Tasmania . 59 418 9,885 8,863 Northern Territory(c) 2 13 409 378 . . Australia 1.958 13,893 366,0 6 337,156 1952 1,926 13,714 347,831 315.796 1951 1,890 13,251 326,258 309,673 293,429 1950 12,909 1,870 .. 275,562 1949 1,843 12,526 293,306 264,164

1,863

11,496

250,860

1939

219,171

 ⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Enrolments at 1st August, 1953.
 (c) Enrolments at 1st August, 1953.
 (d) Includes all schools not wholly under Government control.

⁽c) Year (e) Es-

UNIVERSITIES.

	Teachin	ıg Stad.				
University or College and Year.	Full-	Part- time.	Students Enrolled.	Degrees Con- ferred.	Total Income.	Total Expenditure.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	£
			19	54.		
Sydney	480	402	6,983	1,388	2,396,862	1,866,462
Melbourne	376	209	6,888	1,035	2,014,734	1,837,605
Queensland (Brisbane)	253	205	4,112	377	913,460	926,662
Adelaide	182	147	4,115	334	885,411	808,829
Western Australia (Perth)	113	34	1,852	209	586,114	587,047
Tasmania (Hobart)	74	14	699	75	274,734	264,931
N.S.W. University of						
Technology (Sydney)	279	421	4,159	81	1,776,959	1,645,371
New England (Armidale,			1			
N.S.W.)	57	16	239		497,702	235,750
Canberra University College	26	25	327		87,361	85,415
Australia	1,840	1,473	29,374	3,499	9,433,337	8,258,072
1953	1,750	1,341	28,792	3,926	7,195,832	7,067,716
1952	1,680	1,318	29,641	4,304	7,101,330	6,865,346
1951	1,549	1,533	31,671	4,498	5,720,060	5,352,421
1950	1,298	1,090	30,630	4,506	3,756,978	3,746,602
1939	609	675	14,236	1,802	989,791	974,394

(a) Since 1952 the finances relate to income and expenditure (including capital items). Prior to 1952 the figures were as presented by each university on a receipts (or income) and payments (or expenditure) basis (excluding capital items) and are not suitable for the construction of a profit and loss statement or revenue account, or for ascertaining the surplus or deficit for the year. In several cases Government subsidies relating to expenditure made in earlier years have been included in revenue.

Note.—In addition, the Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T. (a Post-Graduate Research University), had in 1954 a full-time teaching staff of 97, with 71 Post-graduate scholars. In 1954 the income was £1,569,146 and the expenditure was £1,501,404 (see Note (a)).

POLICE AND PRISONS.

(Number.)

State or Territory a	and Year	Police.		Pr	Prisons.		riconers t end of Period.
		195	3.				
New South Wales			4,661	(a)	15	(a)	2,155
Victoria			3,047		10		1,173
Queensland(a)			2,403		7		617
South Australia		 (a)	1,107		16		401
Western Australia(a)		 1	936	1 9	19		360
Tasmania(a)			438	10000	2		152
Northern Territory(a)			56		2		47
Australian Capital Terri	tory		57				
Australia			12,705		71		4,905
1952			12, 75		70		4,930
1951			12,318		69		4,444
1950			11,677		71		4,089
1949			11,238		71		3,982
1939			9,566		74		3,336

PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

State or Territory	Hos-	Beds.	Sta	aff.	In- patients	Revenue.	Expendi-	
and Year.	pitals.	(a)	Medi- cal.	Nurs-	Treated.	(c)	ture. (c)	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	
			1953	3-54.				
New South Wales	259	19,235	3,801	10,015	398,863	19,247	19,084	
Victoria	114	11,286	1,862	6,460	197,343	14,902	14,905	
Queensland	138	9,971	723	4,291	188,057	10,408	9,567	
South Australia	62	3,434	522	2,023	62,138	3,693	3,693	
Western Australia	95	4,090	352	2,095	72,197	4,519	4,26	
Tasmania	26	2,226	186	1,046	33,055	1,756	1,711	
Nor. Territory	4	320	13	94	5,171	31	406	
Aust. Cap. Terr	1	250	28	92	4,464	258	25	
Australia	699	50,812	7,487	26,116	961,288	54,814	53,884	
1952 -53	694	50,076	7,246	25,940	939,856	51,141	50,541	
1951-52	675	47,328	6,889	24,556	896,020	41,217	43,328	
1950-51	664	46,417	6,424	23,055	867,721	32,406	32,582	
1949-50	648	45,559	5,917	22,235	823,395	24,944	26,20	
1938 - 39	563	35,711	4,059	13,582	552,051	6,342	6,35	
				100000000000000000000000000000000000000			TO REAL PROPERTY.	

(a) Includes particulars, where available, of a considerable number of beds and cots for certain classes of cases in outdoor or verandah sleeping places. (b) Newborn are excluded. Out-patient cases treated at public hospitals during 1953-54 were as follows:—New South Wales, 1,083,857; Victoria 447,838; Queensland, 544,795; South Australia, 108,542; Western Australia, 104,986 (estimated); Tasmania, 106,950; Northern Territory, 55,275; and Australian Capital Territory, 6,388; Australia, 2,458,631. (c) Excludes Loan Receipts and Expenditure for New South Wales.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

			Sta	ff.	Patients			
State and Year.	Hos- pitals.	Beds.	Medi- cal.	Nurs- ing.	at end of Year.	Revenue.	Expendi- ture.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000.	£'000.	
			1953-	-54.				
New South Wales Victoria/b) Queensland(d) South Australia Western Australia b Tasmania	13 10 4 2 4 1	12,398 7,123 4,553 2,624 1,611 780	(a) 45 64 11 12 5 3	1,969 1,700 844 399 285 218	13,169 7,936 4,621 2,644 1,721 771	(c) 509 176 15 116 (c) 58 14	(c) 4,174 4,269 1,407 922 (c) 613 296	
Australia	34	29,089	140	5,415	30,862	888	11,681	
1952 - 53 1951 - 52 1950 - 51 1949 - 50	33 33 33 33	28,546 27,573 27,512 27,397	149 167 138 128	5,132 4,985 4,826 4,694	30.190 29,563 28,932 27,922	866 861 812 725	10,714 8,749 6,450 5,391	
1938-39	35	25,654	92	4,922	26,509	263	1,904	

⁽a) In addition there were 59 visiting paid specialists.(b) Year 1953.(c) Year 1953-54.

Section IX.—Transport and Communication.

Note.—More detailed statistics of shipping for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 39-49.

OVERSEA SHIPPING-ENTRANCES AND CLEARANCES, AUSTRALIA.

			Entra	ances.			Clearances.					
Year.		With	h Cargo.		With Cargo and in Ballast.		h Cargo.	With Cargo and in Ballast.				
		No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons,	No.	'000 Net Tons.	No.	'000 Net Tons			
1938-39		1,372	5,964	1,876	6,711	1,490	5,990	1,938	6,835			
1950-51		1,769	8,200	1,911	8,601	1,430	6,169	1,992	8,707			
1951-52		1,880	8,580	2,038	8,973	1,423	6,118	2,098	9,252			
1952-53		1,546	7,312	1,988	8,704	1,582	6,522	2,053	8,867			
1953-54		1,647	7,736	2,054	8,882	1,507	6,179	2.074	8,854			
1954-55		1,943	9,162	2,245	9,939	1,491	6,157	2,260	10,064			
Nine mon	ths								-0,002			
March, 1955		1,424	6,585	1,654	7.184	1,106	4,644	1,669	7,395			
March, 1956		1,500	7,258	1,754	7,985	1.186	5,116	1,768	8,254			

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped.

Note.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 1 ton measurement = 40 cubic feet. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

		Disch	arged.			Ship	ped.	
State or Territory,	Inter	rstate.	Ove	rsea.	Inter	state.	Ove	rsea.
and Year.	Tons Weight.	. Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure- ment.	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure ment.
	N	INE MONT	HS ENDE	D MARCH,	1955.			
Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	3,410 1,612 283 1,311 367 462 26	269 269 247 137 176 154	2,246 2,911 716 748 1,020 158 40	980 968 145 266 156 33	2,619 631 427 2,860 577 372 3	302 316 89 147 68 188	926 962 1,000 1,040 614 63	306 371 95 83 65 18
Australia .	. 7,471	1,252	7,839	2,548	7,489	1,110	4,605	938
	N	INE MONT	HS ENDE	MARCH,	1956.			
Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory	3,696 1,813 357 1,465 218 483 19	223 265 216 106 162 247 1	2,319 3,475 646 481 1,964 159 31	1,044 1,040 173 272 106 28 1	2,516 879 394 2,811 1,248 339 3	216 284 76 118 73 233	862 994 962 915 721 46	323 374 97 99 66 33
Australia .	. 8,051	1,220	9,075	2,664	8,190	1,000	4,501	992
, 1953-54 , 1952-53 , 1951-52 , 1950-51	. 10,136 . 9,059 . 8,995 . 7,972 . 6,980 . 6,447	1,621 1,790 1,492 1,638 1,612 1,520	10,992 8,520 7,733 9,727 9,084 7,686	3,403 2,812 1,929 4,682 3,989 3,576	10,213 9,105 8,447 7,697 6,723 6,419	1,472 1,539 1,275 1,325 1,326 1,207	6,083 5,765 6,045 4,487 5,405 5,061	1,420 1,355 1,452 1,231 1,295 1,388
,, 1938–39 .	. 7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1956.

(These rates are expressed in sterling.)

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

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FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS-
     Butter (Refrigerator)—
       United Kingdom
                                                                          8s. 111d. per box (56 lb.).
                                                                     ..
    Continent ...
Cheese (Refrigerator) ...
Egg: (in shell) ...
                                                                     95. 5d. ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,
                                                                          266s. per ton measurement.
       Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)-
                                                                         2 <sup>7</sup><sub>2</sub> d. per lb. 3 <sup>5</sup><sub>2</sub> l. ,, ,, 2 l6 l. ,, ,,
         Beef
         Beef .. .. .. .. .. ...
      Lamo
Mutton
Rabbits and Hares
Preserved in tins
Sausage Casings—(dried)—cases or casks
(Refrigerator) in brine in casks
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                                                           ..
                                                                     ..
                                                                         2 ft d. ;; ton 1
2: 8s. ;; ton 1
179s. ;; ;;
179s. ;; ;;
268s. ;; ;;
                                                                                 ", ton measurement.
                                                                     ..
                                                                                               22
     Milk and Cream (condensed)
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN-
                                                                          286s.
     Sugar (Refined)
                                                                                   per ton weight.
     Jams
                                                                          141s. 6d. per ton measurement.
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                                                           . .
                                                                     . .
  179s.
                                                                         179s. ,, ,, 141s. 6d. ,, ,,
       Apples
                                                                     .. 11s. per bushel case.
                .. ..
                                                                         11s. " "
       Citrus
     Grain and Pulse, unprepared-
        Bulk
                                                                          175s. per ton weight.
         Bagged
                                                                          175s.
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                ...
       Barley
                                                                          190s.
                                                  . .
                                                           . .
                              ..
                                                                          212s. 6d. "
       Oats
                                                                     . .
                                                                          195s.
     Maize
Grain and Pulse, prepared-
                                                                                  22
                                                                                       22
                                                                                              2.3
       Flour, Wheaten ...
                                        ..
                                                                          190s.
                                                            ..
                                                                         210s. ;;
202s. 6d. ;;
       Bran..
Poliard
                                                                                       39
                                                                                              ,,
                                        ..
                                                                                       99
       Rice (clean, husked) ...
                                                                          195s.
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                                                           ..
                                                                    .. 179s. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS-
     Hides and Skins-
       Calf .. ...
Sheep ...
                                                                          1 7 d. per lb.
                                                                     Rabbit
               . . .
                               ..
       Other
                      ..
                               . .
                                                            . .
     Pearl-shell
                                                                          179s. per ton measurement.
     Wool-
       Greasy
                                                                         2 97d. per lb. less 7%.
       Scoured and Washed
                                                                          3.74d.
                               ..
                                                  . .
                                                            . .
                                                                     . .
                                                                         3.56d. per lb. (net).
       Tops
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES-
     Compressed Fodder ...
                                                                         179s. per ton weight.
179s. ,, ,, ,,
292s. ,. ,, ,,
     Bark, Tanning ..
                                                  ..
     Copra
                               ..
                                        ..
                                                  . .
     Raw Cotton (in bales)
                                                                          2 % d. per lb.
APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES-
     Apparel and Attire (Effects) ...
                                                                          280s. per ton measurement.
     Binder Twine ...
                                                                         315s. per ton weight.
OILS, FATS AND WAXES-
       Coconnt.
                                                                          202s, per ton measurement,
       Eucalyptus
                                                                          179s. ,, ,,
                                                                          286s.
                                        ..
       Whale
                                                                          209s. 6d. ,,
                                        ..
                                                                                       22
                                                                                               22
                                                                          179s.
    Other ... Tallow, Unrefined
                                                                                               22
                                                                          202s.
                                                                         179s. per ton measurement.
PAINTS AND VARNISHES
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Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1956—continued.

(1 Ton Measurement = 40 Cubic Feet.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMAN	NUFACTUR	ED OR P.	ARTLY M	ANUFAC	TURED				
Ore in Casks, Bags or I Zinc—	Orums					118s. 6d.	per	ton	weight
Ex Risdon						107s. 6d.	,,		
Other than above						95	"	"	"
Dust (in cases)						422s.	"	"	"
Sheet (in cases)						185s.	22	22	19
Copper (ingots)	***					173s. 6d.	"	11	. 17
Lead Steel—				.,		95s.	22	22	35
Billets (up to 30 feet)				.,		110s.	,,	"	,,
Tin Clippings hydraulic	ally proce	· ·				1593.	22	22	,,
						90s.	,,	22	***
RUBBER AND LEATHER AN STITUTES THEREFOR—	D MANU	FACTURES	THEREO	F, AND	SUB-				
Rubber						160g non	ton	-	
Leather							ton	me	asurement.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFAC									
Logs up to 40-ft. leng	ths					74s. 5d. p	er 1	00	super. feet.
,, over 40 and up t	o 50-ft. le	engths				79s. 11d.			"
,, over 50 and up t	o 60-ft. le	engths				85s. 10d.	,,	"	
Sawn, Undressed, up	to 30-ft.	lengths				43s. 10d.	,,	"	"
EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CI	HINA ANI	GLASS							asurement.
STATIONERY						179s.	"	,,	,,
DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FE	RTILIZER	8							
Fertilizers						179s.		,,	weight
MISCELLANEOUS-									0
Soap						179s.			TOODOTTMOTIONA
Casein						283s. 6d.		"	measurement.
Specie						2000. 00.	"	,,,	weight
SPECIE						15s. per ce	ent.		

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES. GENERAL CARGO, 31st March, 1956.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement: 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expres ed in Australian currency unless otherwise footnoted.)

						From-		Billion Burn
	m			Brisbane.	Sy	dney.	Melbe	ourne.
	То			Direct.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane Sydney Melbourne Adelaide Fremantle Hobart Launceston, De Darwin	··· ·· ·· ·· vonport,	Burnie		s. d. 133 0 152 6 155 0 171 0(a) 148 6(b) 162 0(b) 239 6	8. d. 133 0 131 6 145 6 163 6 127 6 127 6 253 6	s. d.	s. d. 152 6 131 6 116 0 155 6 114 0 100 0 266 0	s. d.
Auckland(c) Wellingtor(c) Lyttleton(c) Dunedin(c)		::	::	142 0 142 0(d) 142 0 142 0	135 0 135 0(d) 135 0 135 0	218 0(d) 218 0(d) 218 0(d)	135 0 135 0(d) 135 0 135 0	255 6 255 6(d) 255 6 255 6
New Hebrides-	Vila				260 0			285 0
Norfolk Island					240 0			265 0
Papua— Port Moresby Samarai Territory of Nev Lae and Mada	 V Guinea			205 0 205 0	205 0 205 0	::	205 0 205 0	205 0 205 0
Rabaul				235 0 215 0	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 235 & 0 \\ 2^15 & 0 \end{array} $	1 :: 1	235 0 215 0	235 0 215 0

⁽a) Plus 16s. per ton if trans-shipped (b) Trans-shipped at Sydney. (c) Rates expressed in sterling. (d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

Note.—More detailed statistics of Government Railways for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, pages 5-20.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

		GOV	ERNMENT	RAILWAY	ZS .		
System.		1938-39.	1950-51.	1951–52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954-55.
	1	ROUTE-MIL	EAGE OPE	N AT END O	F YEAR.		
o 1/1		0.007	0.001	9 201	2,201	2,201	2,201
		2,201	2,201	2,201			
		6,114	6,113	6,113	6,113	6,101	6,102
Victoria		4,759	4,686	4,694	4,660	4,482	4,451
Queensland (a)		6,567	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,560	6,553
South Australia		2,557	2,553	2,553	2,553	2,564	2,564
Western Australia		4,378	4,228	4,113	4,108	4,111	4,111
		658	605	605	605	605	605
Australia		27,234	26,946	26,839	26,800	26,624	26,587
		R	EVENUE TI	RAIN-MILES.			
			('00'	00.)			
Commonwealth	1	902	1,841	1,889	1,738	1,953	2,029
Commonwealth		30,106	(b)38,112	(b)40,012	36,289	37,506	37,478
		17,890	14,575	16,973	17,690	18,303	18,740
					18,563	19,241	19,637
		13,927	(c) 18,562	(c) 18,652			
		6,177	6,379	6,943	7,199	7,359	7,216
Western Australia		6,575	7,136	6,802	5,255	7,204	7,769
Tasmania		1,906	2,071	2,092	1,990	1,898	2,067
Australia		77,483	88,676	93,363	88,724	93,464	94,936
	1	р	ASSENGER-J	OURNEYS.(d			
				00.)			
Qlth		117	186	191	190	224	215
Commonwealth			268,567	268,168	271,699	278,904	281,417
New South Wales		186,720		165,131	162,857	166,106	169,204
Victoria		142,124	141,313			35,879	35,919
Queensland(a)		24,639	34,118	35,003	35,819		
South Australia		17,529	17,177	18,269	17,565	17,605	16,849
Western Australia		11,415	11,543	10,536	6,339	8,678	10,13
Tasmania		2,297	3,182	3,186	3,151	3,285	3,11
Australia		384,841	476,086	500,484	497,620	510,681	516,85
		Good	s and Liv	ESTOCK CAR	RRIED.		
Table Make To			('000	tons.)			
Commonwealth		186	591	694	660	762	81
New South Wales	(0)	15,417	18,324	19,817	19,121	20,140	19,38
		5,976	7,539	9,204	9,192	9,200	10,08
Victoria	• •	5,234	7,096	6,741	7,351	8,081	8,49
Queensland(a)				3,941	4,147	4,433	4,47
South Australia		2,640	3,497		2,619	3,206	3,40
Western Australia		2,859	3,033	3,063		968	1,04
Tasmania		844	861	889	897	908	1,04
Australia		33,156	40,941	44,349	43,987	46,790	47,69

⁽a) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).

(b) E. timated. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Based on ticket sales, allowances being made for periodical tickets. Except in Tasmania, concession tickets are counted as full journeys. (e) Includes an estimate for livestock.

Government Railways-continued.

System.	1938–39.	1950-51.	1951-52.	1952–53.	1953–54.	1954-55
		Gross Re				
		(£'0	00.)			
Commonwealth	547	2,153	2,925	2,710	3,402	3,74
New South Wales	19,146	49,448	68,910	72,676	74,569	73,36
Victoria	9,274	18,651	24,186	31,864	35,707	37,66
Queensland(b)	7,798	19,772	23,358	25,985	30,223	31,62
South Australia	3,119	7,315	9,457	11,891	12,718	12,93
Western Australia	3,599	6,969	8,885	7,667	11,111	12,31
Tasmania	487	1,336	1,797	2,039	2,133	2,32
Australia	43,970	105,644	139,518	154,832	169,863	173,97
		Working	Expenses.			
THE STATE		(£'0	00.)			
Commonwealth	642	2,434	2,808	2,728	2,897	2,92
New South Wales	14,543	49,168	64,020	66,452	68,197	68,39
Victoria	8,060	20,810	29,612	34,008	35,951	37,03
Queensland (b)	6,193	19,427	24,646	27,979	29,103	30,94
South Australia	2,931	9,992	13,505	15,013	14,934	15,414
Western Australia	2,911	8,932	11,016	12,510	14,298	14,69
Tasmania	678	2,009	2,567	2,864	2,804	3,07
Australia	35,958	112,772	148,174	161,554	168,184	172,47
			EVENUE.			
Commonwealth	- 95	- 281	117	- 18	505	00/
New South Wales	4,603	280	4,890	6,224	505 6,372	820
Victoria	1,214	-2,159	-5,426	-2,144	- 244	4,964
Queensland(b)	1,605	345	-1,288	-1,994	1,120	679
South Australia	188	-2,677	-4,048	-3,122	-2,216	-2,478
Western Australia	688	-1,963	-2,131	-4,843	-3,187	-2,378
Tasmania	- 191	- 673	- 770	- 825	- 671	- 758
Australia	8,012	- 7,128	- 8,656	- 6,722	1,679	1,498
RATIO	OF WORK	ING EXPEN	ISES TO GR	oss Reven	TIE	
		(PER C		OSS TURY ME	013.	
Commonwealth	117.43	113.04	95.99	100.66	85.14	78.09
New South Wales	75.96	99.43	92.90	91.44	91.45	93.23
Victoria	86.91	111.58	122.43	106.73	100.68	98.31
Queensland (b)	79.42	98.26	105.51	103.67	96.30	97.85
South Australia	93.97	136.60	142.81	126.26	117.42	119.12
Western Australia	80.90	128.17	123.98	163.18	128.68	119.29
Casmania	139.18	150.35	142.81	140.44	131.48	132.50
Australia	81.78	106.74	106.20	104.34	99.01	

⁽a) Excludes Government Grants.
Uniform Gauge line (69 route-miles).

(b) Includes details for South Brisbane-Border section of

Government Railways-continued.

(The table on this page is prepared from quarterly statements supplied by each Government Railway, and figures therein are not completely comparable with those shown in preceding pages which are derived, in the main, from the Annual Reports of the Government Railways.)

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.(b)	Tas.	Total.
	SIX	MONTHS E	NDED DE	CEMBER,	1954.			
Route Miles open	2,201	6,101	4,482	6,491	2,564	4,111	613	26,563
Frain-miles '000	1,028	19,259	9,474	10,292	3,686	3,846	1,011	48,596
Revenue (c) £'000 Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	426	10,311	5,534	2,697	912	663	102	20,645
Goods, including Live- stock and Minerals Miscellaneous	1,394 152	28,528 433	12,683 1,020	14,143 (d)	5,368 445	5,136 399	1,009	68,261 2,48 5
Total Revenue (c)	1,972	39,272	19,237	16,840	6,725	6,198	1,147	91,391
Working Expenses £'000 Net Revenue . £'000 Ratio of Working Ex-	1,474 498 74.75	33,632 5,640 85.64	18,344 893 95 36	15,356 1,484 91.19	(e) 7,508 -783 111.65	6,843 -645 110.39	1,366 -219 119.03	84,523 6,868 92.48
Revenue per Train-mile	38s. 4d.	40s. 9d.	40s. 7d.	32s. 9d.	36s. 6d.	32s. 3d.	22s 8d.	37s. 7d.
Working Expenses per Train-mile Passenger-journeys '000 Freight Carried,	27s. 10d. 107	34s. 11d. 139,671	38s. 9d. 85,368	29s. 10d. 17,749	40s. 9d. 8,389	35s. 7d. 4,665	27s. 0d. 1,609	34s. 9d. 257,558
tons- '000 Livestock	39	(f) 370	338	439	124	74	10	1,387
Ceal and Coke Other Minerals Other Goods	279 8 120	9,982	1,326 3,308	$ \begin{cases} 907 \\ 354 \\ 3,371 \end{cases} $	505 460 1,406	334 95 1,124	} 145 369	} 24,093
Total Freight	439	10,352	4,972	5,071	2,495	1,627	524	25,480
	Six	MONTHS E	NDED DE	CEMHER,	1955.			
Route Miles open Train-miles '000 Revenue(c) £'000	2,201 1,131	6,102 19,687	4,451 9,400	6,387 9,894	2,564 3,581	4,111 4,158	605 1,076	26,421 48,927
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)	498	10,873	5,733	2,666	908	733	101	21,511
Goods, including Live-	1,620	27,151	11.420	13,853	5,273	5,383	1,150	
stock and Minerals Miscellaneous	136	349	1,084	(d)	439	392	41	65 850 2,441
stock and Minerals	2,254				6,620	6,508	1,291	
stock and Minerals Miscellaneous Total Revenue (c) Working Expenses £'000 Net Revenue £'000	2,254	38,373 36,041	1,084	(d) 16,519				89,802 89,968
stock and Minerals Miscellaneous Total Revenue (c) Working Expenses £'000	2,254 1,530 724 67 87	38,373 36,041 2 332 93 92	1,084 18,237 19,278 -1,049 105,71 38s, 10d.	16,519 16,258 261 98 42 33s. 5d.	6,620 (e) 7,845 -1,225 118 50 37s. 0d.	6,508 7,522 -1,014 115 59 31s. 4d.	1,291 1,491 200 115.46 24s Od.	2,441 89,802 89,963 - 163 100 13 36s. 9d
stock and Minerals Miscellaneous Total Revenue (c) Working Expenses £'000 Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue % Revenue per Train-mile Working Expenses per Train-mile Passenger-journeys '000 Freight Carried,	2,254 1,530 724 67 87 39s. 10d 27s. 1d 110	38,373 36,041 2 332 93 92 39s. 0d. 36s. 7d.	1,084 18,237 19,278 -1,049 105,71 38s, 10d.	16,519 16,258 261 98 42 33s. 5d.	6,620 (e) 7,845 -1,225 118 50 37s. 0d. 43s. 10d.	6,508 7,522 -1,014 115 59 31s. 4d. 36s. 2d.	1,291 1,491 200 115.46	2,441 89,805 89,965 - 163 100 15 36s. 9d 36s. 9d
stock and Minerals Miscellaneous Total Revenue (c) Working Expenses £'000 Net Revenue £'000 Ratio of Working Expenses to Revenue & Revenue per Train-mile Working Expenses per Train-mile Passenger-journeys '000	2,254 1,530 724 67 87 39s. 10d 27s. 1d 110	38,373 36,041 2 332 93 92 39s. 0d. 36s. 7d. 139,417 (f) 369 9,618	1,084 18,237 19,278 -1,049 105.71 38s. 10d. 41s. 0d.	(d) 16,519 16,258 261 98 42 33s. 5d. 32s. 10d.	6,620 (e) 7,845 -1,225 118 50 37s. 0d. 43s. 10d. 8,053 129 149 510	6,508 7,522 -1,014 115 59 31s. 4d. 36s. 2d. 5,921 84 286 134	1,291 1,491 200 115.46 24s 0d. 27s. 9d. 1,484 11 159	89,802 89,963 - 163 100 18

⁽a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of the Uniform Gauge Line (69 route-miles).
(b) Financial details include road motors.
(c) Excludes Government grants.
(d) Included with Coaching.
(e) Includes depreciation.
(f) Estimated.

NOTE. - Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

Note.—More detailed statistics of Electric Tramways and Motor Omnibus Services for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin*, No. 45, pages 21-27.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

(Including details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State and Year.	Route- mileage Open at 30th June.	Car-miles.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.	Net Revenue
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
		198	54-55.			
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania (c)	117 175 67 92 31 (d) 30	14,663 23,173 9,642 7,646 2,205 2,946	191,958 220,095 101,885 54,909 17,289 23,118	4,731 5,345 2,306 1,787 487 611	6,416 5,692 2,317 2,133 573 666	- 1,685 - 347 - 11 - 346 - 86 - 55
Total 1954-55	512	60,275	609,254	15,267	17,797	- 2,530
Total— 1953-54(c) 1952-53(c) 1951-52(c) 1950-51(e) 1938-39	520 544 560 567 606	63,762 65,895 67,923 71,746 81,361	629,557 647,417 685,724 749,138	15,780 15,968 15,121 13,610 7,649	18,181 18,420 17,109 14,553 6,089	- 2,401 - 2,452 - 1,988 - 943

⁽a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Includes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus services. (d) Excludes 15 miles of Hobart Omnibus services.

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

(Excluding details of Trolley Bus Services with the exception of those in Queensland.)

State or Territory and Yes	Route- mileage at 30th June.	Omnibus- mileage.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross Revenue.(a)	Working Expenses.(b)
	Miles.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
		1954-55.			
New South Wales	484	33,106	217,882	5,686	7,769
Victoria	64	7,241	56,511	1,415	1,452
	436	6,137	39,521	879	1,003
South Australia	38	2,592	11,538	347	512
Mostom Anatrolia	. 2,873	6,978	25,813	954	949
	. 535	1,137	1,809	205	187
Aust. Cap. Terr.	. 46	926	(d) 3,700	127	191
Total 1954–55	4,476	58,117	356,774	9,613	12,063
Total—1953-54	4,591	57,318	347,525	8,853	11,387
1952-53(c)	4,533	55,672	340,262	9,320	11.465
1951-52(c)	. 4,458	54,124	333,200	8,542	10,298
1950–51(e)	. 3,994	53,548	340,314	7,572	8,234
1949-50(e)	. 3,208	53,817	325,079	6,307	6,743

⁽a) Excludes Government Grants. (b) Includes depreciation. (c) Excludes particulars of Hobart and Launceston Omnibus Services, details of which are included with Electric Tramways. (e) Excludes particulars of Hobart Municipal Council Omnibus Services. 3610/56.—5

NOTE: —Further details of Motor Vehicle Registrations &c. appear in Transport and Communication Bulletin No. 45 and the Monthly and Annual Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE.

	Regi	strations (Num		June.	Drivers'	Gross Revenue.					
State or Territory and Year.	Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Ve- hicles, &c.	om- ercial Ve- cles, Total. Riders' Licences in Force at 30th		Vehicles' Registra- tion and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscel- laneous.	Total.			
					1 2 2		£				
				1954-6	55.						
New South Wales Victoria (b) Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Terri- tory Australian Capital Territory	456,024 163,697 142,733 90,255 44,884 1,601 5,992	65,129 63,891 21,483 2,836 2,364	562 478	709,036 629,147 307,721 229,502 168,808 71,673 4,999 8,834	999,751 725,826 (c) 275,798 191.051 83,775 7,310	32,554 47,356	362,913 129,261 373,326 112,260 41,888 4,822 6,365	964,884 914,887 91,196 151,189 146,594 164 1,048	5,156,625 3,344,505 1,491,715 788,634 37,540 54,769		
Total 195455	1347082	649,609	133,029	2,129,720	d2295854	22,951,527	1,813,810	3,759,580	28,524,917		
1953-54 1952-53(e) 1951-52(e) 1950-51(e)	1199833 11076.59 1030992 882,455	579,444	147,639 153,933	1,834,742 1,765,427	2.288,370 2,194,167	20,450,179 18,779,761 15,995,554 12,333,075	1,403,019 1,336,530	3,708,435 3,607,266	23 891,215 20,939,350		
1938-39	562 271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1.238.497	6,318,435	508,387	257.652	7,084,474		

(a) Includes hire cars and taxis. (b) See note (a) in table below. (c) Not available. (d) Excludes Queensland. (e) Registrations exclude Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

							(Num	iber.)					
	Veh	icles a	nd I	ate.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
						AT	31st M	ARCH, 19	56.	1			
Cor	nme	Cars(b) rcial V Cycles		es, &c.		491,525 150,719 28,260	126,812	64,485	96,900 64,621 13,857	48,332 22,669 4,899	1,819 3,040 564	2,563	1,415,503 674,337 128,003
	'	Total			753,392	670,504	324,469	238,868	175,378	75,900	5,423	9,909	2,253,843
"	30tl	June,	1955 1954 1958 1959	3	654,557 613,554		284,207 266,221	218,412 205,702	153,936 141,945	71,673 65,362 60,545 55,104	3,823 (c) (c)	7,803 6,947	
33	22		1939		319,015	261,855	128,163	90,756	69,679	26,360	1,426	2,279	899,533

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles registered for private use.

(b) Includes hire cars and taxis.

(c) Not available.

(d) Excludes Northern Territory.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES.

			(areas						
Vehicles and Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	NIN	i E Monte	IS ENDE	31st M	IARCH, 19	956.			
Motor Cars(b) Commercial Vehicles, &c Motor Cycles	. 19,724	41,273 12,745 1,812	$\begin{array}{c} 15,741 \\ 8,606 \\ 1,252 \end{array}$	13,976 4,969 1,554	8,392 4,152 883	4,140 2,111 254	162 243 42	879 263 91	128,648 52,813 8,261
Total	66,182	55,830	25,599	20,499	13,427	6,505	447	1,233	189,722
Total 1954-55	67,987 53,099	69,243 50,904 43,132 70,256	34,116 28,455 23,372 27,270	27,248 21,162 17,470 24,466	19,677 16,864 13,283 17,382	8,483 7,133 5,566 7,278	588 420 (c) 386 (d)	1,362 932 688 817	
1938-39	30,534	24,270	14.024	8.143	6,046	3,060	(d)	327	(e)83,404

(a) See Note (a) in table above.
 (b) Includes nire cars and taxis.
 (c) Excludes motor cycles.
 (d) Not available.
 (e) Excludes Northern Territory.
 NOTE.—Commonwealth-owned vehicles are included except those of Departments of Army and Air.

Note.—More detailed statistics of Civil Aviation for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in Transport and Communication Bulletin No. 45, page 29.

CIVIL AVIATION. Australian Registrations, Licences, Aerodromes, Etc

Do	rticulars.				At 30th	h June.		At 31st D	ecember.
ra	roculars.			1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1954.	1955.
Registered Aircraft Registered Aircraft Pilots' Licences—	Owners	::	::	160 344	369 821	384 845	414 887	398 852	436 916
Private				1.123	1.677	2.035	2,245	2,172	2,369
Student				N.A.	2,639	2,831	3,193	2,991	3 210
Commercial Airline Transport	t ::	::	::	376	518 911	552 917	582 963	569 942	634 987
Flight Navigators'	Licences			(a) 65	163	166	161	168	167
Radio Operators' L Flight Engineers' L	icences			(h) 75	1,256	1,310	1,344	1,346	1,418
Fround Engineers'	Licences			565	58 1,790	1,757	98	1,746	1,743
Aerodromes—							1,111	1,110	1,710
Government Public				71 213	186 260	198	183	183	190
Flying Boat Bas	ses and A	Alighting	Areas	11	15	262 16	304	302 16	301 13
		Aus	tralian	Airline	Operation	ns, Etc.			
Pa	rticulars.			1938–39.	1952-53.	1953–54.	1954-55.	Six months 31st Dece	
								1954.	1955.
Hours flown			REGULA No.	R INTERN	237.640	CES. 251,019	257 787	131 783	124,94
Miles flown			'000.	7,930	39,059	41.014	43,513	131,783 21,791	22,06
Paying passengers Paying passenger-n	oilog		No.	94,174 35,569		1,772 357 702,139		910,051	982.11
Freight—	ines		000.	55,509	007,321	702,139	765,652	366,222	405,61
Tons (c)			1000	712	57,635			40.027	42,85
Ton-miles (c)			'000.	(d)	27,167	32,650	36,984	19,291	20,15
Tons (c) Ton-miles (c)			'000.	(e) 82 (d)	2,311 1,166	2,316 1,225		1,255 678	1,26 71
			OVI	ERSEA SER	vices.(f)				
Induplicated route	miles		No.	(g) 5,989	(g)66,558	(g)64,250	(g)63,774	(h) 59,969	56,21
Hours flown			2000.	12,677 1,735	54,148 11,565	53,580 11,464	49,326 11,128	25,201 5,598	24,43 5,17
Paying passengers			No.	5,337	97,753	102,965	114,371	54,190	59.72
Paying passenger-n Preight—	niles	•••	'000.	7,332	275,206	290,603	317,565	152,066	178,30
Tons (c) Ton-miles (c)	::	::	'000.	(d) 66	1,957 7,401	2,295 8,331	2,662 9,372	1,334 4,668	1,46 5,24
Tons (c) Ton-miles (c)		::	'000.	(e) 277 (d)	1,168 6,122	1,379 7,718		783 4,259	77 4,22
	AUSTRA	LIAN AI	RCRAFT(i) ACCIDE:	NTS INVO	LVING CAS	UALTIES.		
Tumber				(d)	16	26	22	12	1
Persons Killed				38	5	36	27	14	
Persons Injured				15	19	27	19	11	1

⁽a) Navigators' licences.

(b) Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators only.

(c) In terms of sport tons (2,000 lb.).

(d) Not available.

(e) Net weight.

(f) Airlines wholly owned or partly owned by Australian interests.

(g) At 30th June.

(h) At 31st December.

(i) Aircraft on Australian Register and gliders irrespective of location of accident.

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NOTE.—More detailed statistics of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones for the years 1944-45 to 1953-54 appear in *Transport and Communication Bulletin* No. 45, on pages 50-71. Further details of Road Traffic Accidents are included on pages 32-37 of that Bulletin.

TELEPHONES-LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.

(Number.)

		At 30th June—							
Particulars.		1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	March, 1956.			
Lines connected Instruments connected	::	487,535 661,996	985,383 1,383,702	1,049,626 1,475,513	1,127,386 1,587,082	1,190,281 1,678,776			

BROADCASTING-LISTENERS' LICENCES.

(Number.)

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.	
80th June, 1939	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	89,392	1,129,786	
" , 1951(c) " 1952 " 1953 " 1954 " 1955 31st March, 1956	753,758 741,355 742,002 769,478 746,050 764,143	586,393 520,364 533,329 545,148 549,690 552,602	288,019 279,852 282,338 287,683 293,542 297,908	244,311 208,691 212,104 220,065 223,593 227,171	159,436 141,950 145.141 148,192 150,199 152,115	77,743 68,832 70,741 71,047 71,602 73,693	2,109.660 1,961,044 1,985.655 2,041,613 2,034.676 2,067,632	

⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes separate licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one persor

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.(a) (Reported to the Police.)

		Accī-	P	ersons Ki	lled.	Persons Injured.			
State or Territory, and Period.	Total Accidents Reported.	dents in- volving Casual- ties.	Number.	Per Million of Popu- lation.	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles.	Number.	Per Million of Population. 1955. 1,115 1,263 1,644 1,179 1,564 809 1,473 1,262 5,121 5,013 4,513	Per 100,000 Motor Vehicles	
		THR	EE MONTE	IS ENDED	30TH SE	PTEMBER,	1955.		
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Australian Capital Terri-	9,182 3,670 6,410 3,419 2,946 604	3,102 2,548 1,731 815 839 206	179 152 78 46 42 13	51 60 58 56 63 41	25 24 25 20 24 18	3,909 3,216 2,217 974 1,038 255	1.263 1,644 1,179 1,564	543 507 711 421 605 348	
tory	82	32	.2	60	22	49	1,473	542	
Total	26,313	9,273	512	55	24	11,658	1,262	542	
Year $1954-55(b)$ $1953-54(b)$ $1952-53(b)$ $1951-52(b)$	97,758 87,224 75,295 68,110	36,602 35,523 31,635 31,144	2,042 1,976 1,856 2,054	225 222 213 241	995 105 101 116	46,465 44,629 39,405 38,376	5,013	2.264 2,377 2,147 2,174	

⁽a) Refers to those accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares and which resulted in death or in bodily injury to any person to an extent requiring medical or surgical treatment, or in damage in excess of £10 to property. It should be noted, however, that the comparability of the statistics between States, even on this basis, still depends on the degree to which accidents so defined are in fact recorded by the police. Under legislation passed in Tasmania on 10th August. 1954, it is no longer obligatory to report accidents involving only damage to property. (b) Excludes Northern Territory.

Section X.—Employment, Unemployment and Wages. WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA.(a) ('000.)

				('000	1.)					
	cluding	Employment g Rural, H	ousehold	То	tal Emp	loyment	n Main	Industria	l Groups	
Month.	Govern- mental Au- thori- ties. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry-ing.	Factories.	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Fin- ance.	Professional and Personal Services.
				MALI	es.					
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	25	9.7	133.6
1953—June 1954—June 1955—June	567.8 581.4 599.1	1,319.0 1,367.0 1,401.4	1,886.8 1,948.4 2,000.5	58.0 58.7 58.3	666.3 696.1 714.5	193.2 205.7 211.8	295.1 300.1 308.7	125.0 128.4 129.2	191.0 198.3 207.1	174.1 176.6 182.1
1954—Oct. Nov. Dec. 1955—Jan. Feb. March	581.1 583.6 584.7 585.8 589.2 592.4	1,374.1 1,381.2 1,384.3 1,382.3 1,388.2 1,393.9	1,955.2 1,964.8 1,969.0 1,968.1 1,977.4 1,986.3	57.6 57.7 57.6 57.4 57.5 57.6	700.6 703.5 702.4 703.9 707.1 709.7	203.8 203.4 201.0 201.8 203.6 206.2	300.4 301.5 302.7 303.3 304.4 306.2	128.2 131.7 134.9 130.1 129.6 129.6	202.5 203.7 205.0 206.6 207.2 207.7	177.4 178.1 179.6 178.6 180.7 182.0
Oct. Nov. Dec. 1956—Jan.(e) Feb. March	595.2 595.4 596.5 595.5 597.7 599.3	1,406.7 1,417.2 1,416.6 1,395.4 1,421.3 1,421.2	2,001.9 2,012.6 2,013.1 1,990.9 2,019.0 2,020.5	57.6 57.7 57.2 57.2 56.6 56.5	718.7 722.4 718.5 718.9 721.8 722.4	208.5 208.6 205.5 207.1 210.7 209.6	306.9 308.6 308.9 288.4 308.6 308.2	129.5 131.9 135.6 131.4 130.2 130.5	209.2 210.5 212.3 212.6 213.6 214.3	182.5 183.6 185.4 184.8 186.8 188.4
				FEMAI	ES.					
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	11	4.9	129.0
1953—June 1954—June 1955—June	112.0 114.5 122.8	561.7 593.0 615.7	673.7 707.5 738.5	0.9 1.0 1.1	202.9 219.8 225.3	4.3 4.7 4.9	36.2 36.5 38.4	109.9 115.3 121.6	71.5 77.0 83.1	213.5 218.7 228.1
1954—Oct. Nov. Dec. 1955—Jan. Feb. March	116.5 117.0 116.3 116.2 119.3 121.3	602.2 610.5 615.6 608.0 613.5 616.2	718.7 727.5 731.9 724.2 732.8 737.5	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	223.4 224.6 224.4 223.4 226.8 228.0	4.6 4.7 4.7 4.8 4.8 4.8	37.5 37.7 37.1 37.6 38.0 38.1	117.7 123.8 128.3 120.3 119.5 119.6	78.6 79.2 79.1 80.5 82.3 83.0	221.1 221.6 222.3 221.5 224.8 227.3
Oct. Nov. Dec. 1956—Jan. Feb. March	124.0 124.9 124.0 123.9 127.3 128.7	623.8 631.2 634.2 628.3 632.1 633.5	747.8 756.1 758.2 752.2 759.4 762.2	1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1	228.7 228.8 227.6 226.7 231.7 230.8	4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 5.0 5.0	39.0 40.0 39.1 39.5 39.9 40.0	123.3 128.8 132.3 125.9 123.3 123.2	84.4 84.6 85.1 86.2 88.1 89.0	230.6 232.0 232.0 231.8 234.0 236.7
				PERSO						
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5		74.6	262.6
1953—June 1954—June 1955—June	679.8 695.9 721.9	1,880.7 1,960.0 2,017.1	2,560.5 2,655.9 2,739.0	58.9 59.7 59.4	869.2 915 9 939.8	197.5 210.4 216.7	331.3 336.6 347.1	234 9 243 7 250.8	262 5 275 3 290 2	387.6 395.3 410.2
1954—Oct. Nov. Dec. 1955—Jan. Feb. March	697.6 700.6 701.0 702.0 708.5 713.7	1,976.3 1,991.7 1,999.9 1,990.3 2,001.7 2,010.1	2,673 9 2,692 3 2,700 9 2,692 3 2,710 2 2,723 8	58.6 58.7 58.6 58.4 58.5 58.7	924.0 928.1 926.8 927.3 933.9 937.7	208.4 208.1 205.7 206.6 208.4 211.0	337.9 339.2 339.8 340.9 342.4 344.3	245 9 255 5 263 2 250 4 249 1 249 2	281.1 282.9 284.1 287.1 289.5 290.7	398.5 399.7 401.9 400.1 405.5 409.3
Oct. Nov. Dec. 1956—Jan.(s) Feb. March	719.2 720.3 720.5 719.4 725.0 728.0	2,030.5 2,048.4 2,050.8 2,023.7 2,053.4 2,054.7	2,749.7 2,768.7 2,771.3 2,743.1 2,778.4 2,782.7	58.7 58.8 58.3 58.3 57.7 57.6	947.4 951.2 946.1 945.6 953.5 953.2		345.9 348.6 348.0 327.9 348.5 348.2	252.8 260.7 267.9 257.3 253.5 253.7	293.6 295.1 297.4 298.8 301.7 303.3	413.1 415.6 417.4 416.6 420.8 425.1

⁽a) Employees in the Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May. 1945 (Pactories, June, 1948), subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post-offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, nigrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health. Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT—STATES. (a)

				('000.)					
Month.	N.S.W.	Vie.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
				MALES.					
1939—July	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1951—June 1952—June 1953—June 1954—June 1955—June	758.2 754.4 734.3 758.1 779.2	525.8 524.4 521.6 539.7 556.7	259.3 258.1 255.2 263.7 272.0	170.0 171.5 170.6 176.0 178.7	125.3 126.0 130.2 135.0 136.4	60.2 61.0 61.8 62.8 64.0	4.6 4.4 4.6 4.9 4.8	8.1 8.3 8.5 8.2 8.7	1,911.5 1,908.1 1,886.8 1,948.4 2,000.5
1954—Oct Nov Dec	761.9 767.4 770.0	542.6 545.0 546.9	264.7 264.7 263.3	175.5 176.0 176.5	135.1 135.7 135.5	62 3 62 9 63.7	4.9 4.8 4.8	8.2 8.3 8.3	1,955.2 1,964.8 1,969.0
1955—Jan Feb March	767.8 772.7 775.9	549.2 550.3 552.8	260 . 9 264 . 4 266 . 2	177.5 177.5 177.9	135 3 135 2 136.1	64.1 64.0 64.3	4.9 4.8 4.7	8.4 8.5 8.4	1,968.1 1,977.4 1,986.3
Oct Nov Dec	779.4 784.1 786.1	557.0 559.9 561.1	273 1 273 9 269 0	179 5 180 7 181.9	136 3 137 0 137.5	62 9 63 3 63.7	4.9 4.9 4.9	8.8 8.8 8.9	2,001.9 2,012.6 2,013.1
1956—Jan. (b) Feb March	777.3 786.7 785.8	558 0 563 2 564.6	263.6 270.5 270.8	180.4 183.0 183.8	135.1 137.6 137.6	62.7 64.3 64.3	4.9 4.8 4.8	8.9 8.9 8.8	1,990.9 2,019.0 2,020.5
				FEMALE	S.				
1939—July	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1951—June	290 9 270 5 266 2 279 5 292 5	219.6 206.6 205.9 217.7 227.0	86.1 83.8 83.7 86.1 89.3	57.0 54.9 53.4 56.9 60.2	41.6 40.5 41.0 42.8 43.9	20.3 19.8 20.1 21.0 21.7	0.8 0.8 0.9 0.9 1.0	2.5 2.5 2.5 2.6 2.9	718.8 679.4 673.7 707.5 738.5
1954—Oct Nov Dec	286.1 291.0 293.0	220.4 222.3 223.0	86.7 87.6 88.3	58 2 58 6 58.8	43 5 43 9 44.2	20.2 20.5 21.0	0.9 0.9 0.9	2.7 2.7 2.7	718.7 727.5 731.9
1955—Jan Feb March	287.8 291.5 292.4	222 3 224 4 227.0	87 3 88 6 88.4	59 2 59 8 60.5	42 8 43 8 44.0	21.2 21.1 21.5	0.9 0.9 0.9	2.7 2.7 2.8	732.8
Oct Nov Dec	297.7 301.5 303.4	228 3 230 . 7 229 . 9	90.6 91.1 91.0	61.9 62.6 63.2	43 9 44.4 44.5	21.5 21.8 22.2	1.0 1.1 1.1	2.9 2.9 2.9	756.1
1956—Jan Feb March	298.5 300.9 301.1	229.6 233.0 234.7	90 2 90.9 91.3	64.0 63.7 63.7	43.7 44.6 44.7	22 2 22.2 22.7	1.1 1.0 1.0	2.9 3.1 3.0	759.4
				PERSON	s.				
1939—July	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1951—June 1952—June 1953—June 1954—June 1955—June	1,049.1 1,024.9 1,000.5 1,037.6 1,071.7	745.4 731.0 727.5 757.4 783.7	345.4 341.9 338.9 349.8 361.3	227.0 226.4 224.0 232.9 238.9	166.9 166.5 171.2 177.8 180.3	80.5 80.8 81.9 83.8 85.7	5.4 5.2 5.5 5.8 5.8	10.6 10.8 11.0 10.8 11.6	2,587.5 2,560.5 2,655.9
1954—Oct Nov Dec	1,048.0 1,058.4 1,063.0	763.0 767.3 769.9	351.4 352.3 351.6	233.7 234.6 235.3	178 6 179 6 179.7	82.5 83.4 84.7	5.8 5.7 5.7	10.9 11.0 11.0	2,692.3
1955—Jan Feb March	1,055.6 1,064.2 1,068.3	771.5 774.7 779.8	348.2 353.0 354.6	236.7 237.3 238.4	178 1 179.0 180.1	85.3 85.1 85.8	5.8 5.7 5.6	11.1 11.2 11.2	2,710.2
Oct Nov Dec	1,077.1 1,085.6 1,089.5	785.3 790.6 791.0	363.7 365.0 360.0	241.4 243.3 245.1	180.2 181.4 182.0	84.4 85.1 85.9	5.9 6.0 6.0	11.7 11.7 11.8	2,768.7
1956—Jan. (b) Feb March	1,075.8 1,087.6 1,086 9	787.6 796.2 799.3	353.8 361.4 362 1	244.4 246.7 247.5	178 8 182 2 182.3	84.9 86.5 87.0	6.0 5.8 5.8	12.0	2,778.4

⁽a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

(b) Affected by industrial disputes. See also notes on previous page.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

										Australia	a.	
Period.		New South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens-	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Males.	Fe-	Per-	av. 3 ye. June,	dex ars ended 1939 =
									males.	sons.	Unad- justed.	Ad- justed.
1938-39(b)		'000. 219.5	'000. 193.9	'000. 51.5	'000. 42.0	'000. 22.1	'000. 13.2	'000. 391.8	'000. 150.4	'000. 542.2	1,031	1,022
$\begin{array}{c} 1950 - 51(b)(c) \\ 1951 - 52(b)(c) \\ 1952 - 53(b)(c) \\ 1953 - 54(b)(c) \\ 1954 - 55(b)(c) \end{array}$::	379.0 377.9 351.4 369.6 384.0	290.4 292.2 279.1 296.1 308.5	83.2 83.1 82.1 85.0 87.1	80.8 81.3 77.2 82.2 85.1	38.6 38.9 38.7 40.3 41.3	22.2 22.0 21.5 22.4 23.0	664.8 672.4 652.7 681.1 704.9	229.4 223.0 197.3 214.5 224.1	894.2 895.4 850.0 895.6 929.0	1,701 1,703 1,617 1,703 1,767	1,408 1,369 1.268 1.312 1,334
1954-55— January February March		383 8 386 8 387.7	309.8 311.2 312.5	83.0 85.2 85.7	85.8 85.8 86.4	41.4 41.7 41.9	23 .5 23 .2 23 .5	703.9 707.1 709.7	223.4 226.8 228.0	927.3 933.9 937.7	1,764 1,776 1,784	1,330 1,336 1,339
April May June	::	386.9 388.0 388.2	311.2 310.7 311.6	86.4 88.0 88.9	86.5 85.8 85.7	41.9 42.0 41.8	23 8 23.8 23.6	711.4 713.5 714.5	225.3 224.8 225.3	936.7 938.3 939.8	1,782 1,785 1,787	1,336 1,335 1,335
1955–56— July(d) August September		386.3 389.7 390.2	310.2 312.1 312.9	89.8 89.7 90.0	85.7 85.5 86.0	41.5 41.7 42.0	23.1 23.1 23.2	712.2 716.2 717.4	224.4 225.6 226.9	936.6 941.8 944.3	1,781 1,791 1,796	1,327 1,333 1,333
October November December		391.7 393.3 392.3	314.5 315.6 314.8	90.0 90.2 85.0	86.0 86.4 87.3	41.9 42.2 42.3	23 3 23 5 24 4	718.7 722.4 718.5	228.7 228.8 227.6	947.4 951.2 946.1	1,802 1,809 1,800	1,335 1,338 1,328
January(d) February March		391.1 394.2 392.5	315.5 318.9 319.6	83.4 85.4 86.0	88.7 88.3 88.6	42.1 42.0 41.7	24.8 24.7 24.8	718.9 721.8 722.4	226.7 231.7 230.8	945 6 953 5 953.2	1,799 1,814 1,813	1,324 1,332 1,328

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.

monthly figures are estimates, subject to revsion.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) From July, 1948

(d) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a) ('000.)

								A	Australia.(b)
Period.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Males.	Females	Persons
1950-51(c)		97.2	68 8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129 3	117 8	247.1
1951-52(c)		95.9	68 6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128 0	117.7	245.7
1952-53(c)		90.1	66 1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124 2	110.4	234.6
1953-54(c)		93.0	67 5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127 2	114 0	241.2
1954-55(c)		96.3	69 9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129 7	119.8	249.5
January	.:	96.4	70.2	31.2	24.5	19.6	7.9	130.1	120.3	250.4
February		95.8	70.0	30.8	24.5	19.4	7.8	129.6	119.5	249.1
March		96.1	69.8	30.8	24.5	19.6	7.8	129.6	119.6	249.2
April		95.9	70.0	31.0	24.5	19.7	7.8	129.2	120.3	249.5
May		96.5	70.3	31.3	24.6	19.7	7.8	129.4	121.6	251.0
June		95.7	71.0	31.3	24.6	19.8	7.8	129.2	121.6	250.8
1955-56— July August September		96.1 95.9 96.1	70.0 70.2 70.6	31.5 31.3 31.3	24.7 24.6 24.9	19.7 19.6 19.6	7.9 7.8 7.8	128 8 128 8 128 9	121 .7 121 .3 122 .1	250.5 250.1 251.0
October	::	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	129.5	123 3	252.8
November		100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	131.9	128 8	260.7
December		106.0	73.5	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	135.6	132.3	267.9
January		98.0	72.3	32.1	25.9	20.2	8.0	131.4	125 9	257.8
February		96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	130.2	123 3	253.8
March		97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	123 2	253.7

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Average of monthly figures.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a) (For particulars of benefits paid, see page 78.)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

1948-49	270	32	1,100	14	126	31			1,573
1949-50	10,728	128	1,578	326	267	30			13,057
1950–51	293	90	320	6	60	15			784
1951–52	795	162	1,348	17	57	12			2,391
1952-53	17,270	6,114	4,185	841	844	256			29,510
1953-54	6,859	2,856	3,177	270	427	223			13,812
1954–55	1,523	576	1,459	66	157	86		4	3,871
Quarter ended—									
March, 1954	4,803	1,745	4,697	130	322	110			11,807
June, ,,	3,108	1,196	2,473	79	231	94			7,181
September, ,,	2,363	1,025	1,137	88	172	138		3	4,926
December, ,,	1,333	563	908	63	117	111		4	3,099
March, 1955	1,300	399	2,259	60	162	53		4	4.237
June, ,,	1,095	318	1,532	54	178	40	1	3	3.221
September, ,,	943	347	621	50	255	72		2	2,290
December,	719	301	572	45	240	70		1	1,948
March, 1956	1,667	359	2,991	62	441	43		3	5,566

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

			State of the State						
1948-49	3,018	1,928	978	709	600	395			7,628
1949-50	2,971	1,960	997	737	497	390			7,552
1950-51	2,883	1,835	958	657	475	317			7.125
1951-52	2,593	1,584	935	695	461	218			6,486
1952-53	2,991	1,706	1,027	670	433	227			7,054
1953-54	3,340	1,975	1,241	693	479	239			7,967
1954–55	3,337	1,994	1,284	645	459	231	5	12	7,967
Quarter ended—									
March. 1954	3.160	1,834	1,212	646	464	215			7,531
June, ,,	3,262	1,916	1,239	658	454	223			7.752
September, ,,	3,564	2.095	1,258	696	485	252	4	12	8,366
December, ,,	3,382	2,046	1,337	676	452	241	6	12	8,152
March, 1955	3,163	1,900	1,284	602	454	221	5	12	7,641
June, "	3,238	1.936	1,258	607	445	208	5	13	7,710
September, ,,	3,321	1.972	1,245	673	455	230	3	12	7,911
Do ember, ,,	3,083	1,671	1,205	641	415	248	3	10	7.276
March, 1956	2,974	1,551	1,170	596	421	213	3	10	6,938

⁽a) In addition, the average number of persons (excluding migrants) receiving Special Benefits at end of each week were:—1948-49, 574; 1949-50, 877; 1950-51, 863; 1951-52, 987; 1952-53, 1,372; 1953-54, 1,559; and 1954-55, 1,966. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory to June, 1954. (c) Includes Northern Territory to June, 1954.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK)-STATES.

	Dis-	Wor	kers Invol	ved.	Worl	king Days	Lost.	Esti- mated
Period.	putes.	Di- rectly.	Indirectly.	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	Loss in Wages.
			NEW S	OUTH WAI	LES.			
Year—1955(b)	1,072	260,353	13,678	274,031	672,714	611	673,325	2,230,93
1955—Mar. Qtr.(b) June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	257 265 308 242	63,169 59,579 78,126 59,479	5,703 3,840 3,967 168	68,872 63,419 82,093 59,647	125,170 120,592 262,719 92,108	611 12,033 46,440 13,652	125,781 132,625 309,159 105,760	421,648 436,186 994,185 378,919
1956—Mar. ,, (c)	240	86,112	3,835	89,947	271,707	8,545		1,018,64
			Vio	TORIA.				
Year—1955(b)	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	136,771	1,736	138,507	435,35
1955—Mar. Qtr.(b)	25	8,539	824					
June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	21 9 11	12,546 3,888 8,282	1,014 265 184	9,363 13,560 4,153 8,466	19,603 20,277 58,682 18,355	1,736 198 19,656	21,339 20,475 78,338 18,355	62,92 64,73 239,73 67,96
1956—Mar. ,, (c)	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,405	140	85,545	301,66
			QUEK	NSLAND.				
Year-1955	274	83,026	3,626	86,652	99,318		99,318	328,04
1955—Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	67 60 82 65	16,139 9,225 19,279 38,383	1,691 147 876 912	17,830 9,372 20,155 39,295	23,832 12,160 24,063 29,667	6,108 1,636 1,852	23,832 18,268 25,699 31,519	78,89 63,30 85,85 99,99
1956—Mar. ,,	61	53,979	233	54,212	123,991	.,	123,991	418,79
			SOUTH A	USTRALIA.				
Year—1955	43	23,969	129	24,098	66,881		66,881	203,18
955—Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	14 14 9 6	7,398 6,479 4,056 6,036	 46	7,481 6,479 4,102 6,036	9,917 4,018 34,693 8,739	2,264 7,250	9,917 6,282 41,943 8,739	32,070 18,800 121,690 30,610
1956—Mar. ,,	5	4,357		4,357	39,374		39,374	137,795
			WESTERN	AUSTRALL	Α,			
Year—1955	16	9,504	345	9,849	9,582		9,582	32,70
1955—Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	2 3 4 7	1,543 2,800 1,477 3,684	177 168	1,543 2,800 1,654 3,852	1,235 2,173 1,563 4,611	::	1,235 2,173 1.563 4,611	4,298 7,608 5,138 15 ,6 7 3
1956—Mar. "	4	3,828	1,220	5,048	28,567		28,567	99,839
			TASM	IANIA.				
Year—1955	48	13,204	240	13,444	20,387		20,387	70,92
955—Mar. Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	13 11 13 11	2,851 3,284 3,956 3,113	17 223	2,686 3,507 3,956 3,113	2,229 6,838 6,119 3,053	2,148	2,229 6,838 8,267 3,053	7,609 23,653 29,00 10,668
1956—Mar. ,,	14	6,922		6,922	23,745		23,745	83,060
			AUSTR	ALIA.(d)				
Tear—1955(b)	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,008,537	2,347	1,010,884	3,310,32
955—Mar. Qtr.(b) June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	383 378 426 345	100,099 94,149 110,798 119,294	8,320 5,224 5,331 1,432	108,419 99,373 116,129 120,726	184,018 166,129 387,983 156,946	2,347 20,827 77,130 15,504	186,365 186,956 465,113 172,450	613,620 615,229 1,476,22 605,25
1956—Mar. ,, (c)	352	172,149	6,605	178,754	574,434	8,685		2,065,558

⁽a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1954. (c) Includes disputes not settled at end of 1955. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK): INDUSTRIAL GROUPS. AUSTRALIA. (a)

		Manu-	Duilding	Mining. (Gr	oup VIII.)	Transport,	Miscel-	
Period.		facturing. (Groups I. to VI.)	Building. (Group VII.)	(i) Coal- mining.	(ii) Other Mining.	Land and Sea. (Groups IX. to XI.)	(Groups XII. to XIV.)	All Groups.
				NUMBER.				
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		142 164 143 192 277	25 27 41 47 72	912 1,219 944 942 777	4 7 6 4 8	242 202 311 290 377	19 8 14 15 21	1,344 1,627 1,459 1,490 1,532
1955— March Qtr. June Sept. Dec. ,		79 67 64 67	20 11 25 16	171 200 240 166	6 1 1	103 97 92 85	4 2 5 10	383 378 426 345
March ,,	••	52	30	172		93	5	352
			Wo	ORKERS INVO	LVED.			
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		71,606 157,870 155,249 57,010 87,295	3,667 1,862 8,417 6,925 22,297	172.732 193.066 147.791 155.630 135,543	2,843 4,769 3,020 494 1,105	156,608 145,033 179,786 145,521 191,595	1,136 3,134 1,783 4,494 6,812	408,592 505,734 496,046 370,074 444,647
1955— March Qtr. June Sept. Dec. ,	::	28,578 15,904 27,179 15,634	8,353 7,780 2,950 3,214	20,998 31,430 49,014 34,101	554 537 	49,148 42,262 35,014 65,171	788 1,460 1,972 2,592	108,419 99,373 116,129 120,726
March "		23,306	3,790	54,976		96,289	393	178,754
			Wo	RKING DAYS	LOST.			
1951 1952 1953 1954 1955		307,173 572,169 351,722 244,770 493,075	23,750 20,079 67,506 31,751 69,443	336,447 286,749 378,715 255,726 225,336	36,255 19,743 18,956 7,720 9,106	261,109 222,564 352,311	3,912 3,655 11,367 9,361 25,392	872,974 1,163,504 1,050,830 901,639 1,010,884
1955— March Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,	::	69,906 62,147 327,237 33,785	26,722 16,139 16,435 10,147	33,531 56,151 77,236 58,418	2,097 4,833 2,148 28	43,306 36,901	4,333 4,380 5,156 11,523	186,365 186,956 465,113 172,456
March ,,		136,751	20,079	78,345		346,561	1,383	583,119
			ESTIMA	ATED LOSS II (£.)	N WAGES.			
1951 1952 1953 1954		752,319 1,593,902 1,023,366 767,051 1,533,880	59,961 56,034 242,500 115,972 234,596	863,928 932,480 1,247,895 862,384 789,322	189,200 94,743 80,486 41,265 31,661	752.124 703,537	8,185 10,567 39,653 26,607 79,258	2.256,028 3.439,850 3.337,437 3.021,211 3,310,321
March Qtr. June ,, Sept. ,, Dec. ,,		215,143 192,999 1,007,903 117,835	97,050 44,739 52,160 40,647	114,762 204,499 264,701 205,360	7,241 16,812 7,468 140	168.474 144.680 128,973	10,950 11,500 15,016 41,792	613,626 615,229 1,476,221 605,251
March "		521,551	69,105	272,746		1,198,900	3,256	2,065,558

(a) See notes on page 97.

TRADE UNIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

				01120110	71112	SIMBERSI	nir.		
Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
			NU	MBER OF S	EPARATE U	NIONS.			
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	(a) 380
1950 1951 1952 1953 1954	222 225 223 224 228	152 156 159 159 158	128 128 129 129 129	138 137 139 138 138	156 152 151 152 154	98 101 98 98 98	14 17 15 18 18	28 29 31 28 29	(a) 360 (a) 360 (a) 365 (a) 371
			1	NUMBER OF	MEMBERS				
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470
1950 1951 1952 1953 1954	642.145 678,338 649,163 665,737 732,737	406,317 433,407 415,319 4 4,428 433,891	262.586 277.037 274.9 18 285,718 305,304	137,504 140,067 137,495 140,154 147,555	103.592 105,507 105,462 107.642 109,589	45 044 47,413 46,948 48,293 50,290	2.438 2,764 2,340 2,535 2.168	5.728 5,738 4,877 5,251	1.605.344 1.690,271 1,637,542 1,679,758

(a) Without interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and fr m estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the Monthly Review of Business Statistics.

Period		New South Wales. (a)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia
		A	VERAGE WI	EEKLY TOTA (£'000.)	L WAGES P	'AID.		
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55		11,385 14,364 15,090 16,043 17,357	7,916 9,816 10,490 11,305 12,221	3,501 4,319 4,750 5,065 5,398	2,389 3,018 3,311 3,561 3,839	1,639 2,108 2,344 2,586 2,731	817 1,059 1,178 1,280 1,365	27,647 34,884 37,163 39,840 42,911
March June 1955-56—	Qtr.	16,511 18,235	11,678 12,916	5,017 5,619	3,712 4,033	2,610 2,813	1,346 1,492	40,874 45,108
September Describer March	Qtr.	18,154 1 1093 18,229	12,890 13 44 12,832	5,765 6.034 5,435	4,097 4.267 4,057	2,844 2,350 2,849	1,414 1,162 1,442	45,464 45,00 44,844
		AVERAGE WE	EEKLY EAR	NINGS PER	EMPLOYED	MALE UNIT.	.(c)	
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1951-55 1954-55	::	11.46 14.24 15.50 16.15 16.96	11.70 14.20 15.46 16.27 17.06	9.82 11.93 13.32 14.05 14.51	10.58 13.13 14.58 15.30 16.09	10.23 12.80 14 13 15 04 15.55	9.99 12.59 13.97 14.92 15.60	11.09 13.65 14.95 15.69 16.42
March June 955-56-	Qtr.	16.07 17.64	16 20 17.81	13.59 14.90	15 50 16.73	14 86 15 92	15.20 16.76	15 59 17 0 7
September Desember March	Qtr.	17.79 18.83 17.46	17.75 18.68 17.43	15.16 15.89 14.54	16.98 17.49 16.43	16.12 16.82 16.08	16.11 16.5 16.25	17.16 18 4 16.81

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in Normal Normal Capital Capital

Note.—As quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years.

WAGES—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1956.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
I. Wood, Furniture, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	310/1 40.00 7/9	290/1 40 00 7/3	276/3 40.00 6/11	285/2 40.00 7/1½	$305/2$ 40.00 $7/7\frac{1}{2}$	295/8 40.00 7/4 ³	296/6 40.00 7/5
II. Engineering Metal	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$294/7$ 40.00 $7/4\frac{1}{2}$	$284/10$ 40.00 $7/1\frac{1}{2}$	287/2 40 00 7/21	279/4 40 00 6/11 ³ / ₄	$305/11$ $40 00$ $7/7\frac{3}{4}$	$\begin{array}{c} 298/3 \\ 40.00 \\ 7/5\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	289/8 40 00 7/3
III. Food, Drink, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$298/4$ $40 00$ $7/5\frac{1}{2}$	299/9 39 93 7/6	273/3 40.00 6/10	289/11 40.00 7/3	$295/7$ $40 00$ $7/4\frac{3}{4}$	308/10 40.00 7/8 ³ / ₄	293/5 39.98 7/4
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 281/11 \\ 40 & 00 \\ 7/0\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	$282/6$ 40.00 $7/0\frac{3}{4}$	$288/2$ 40.00 $7/2\frac{1}{2}$	$288/2$ $40 00$ $7/2\frac{1}{2}$	292/5 40.00 7/3 ³	280/2 40.00 7/0	283/6 40.00 7/1
V. Books, Printing, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$ \begin{array}{r} 342/9 \\ 40 00 \\ 8/6\frac{3}{4} \end{array} $	335/5 39 51 8/6	317/7 40.00 7/111	318/9 40.00 7/11½		335/10 40.00 8/4 ³ / ₄	$\frac{335/7}{39.72}$ $\frac{8}{5\frac{1}{2}}$
VI. Other Manufacturing {	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{c} 299/4 \\ 40 & 00 \\ 7/5\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	287/11 40 00 7/24	267/7 40 00 6/8‡	285/8 40 00 7/13		$301/10$ $40 00$ $7/6\frac{1}{2}$	291/0 40 00 7/31
VII. Building{	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	341/11 39 94 8/6 ³ / ₄	323/4 40 00 8/1	303/8 40 00 7/7	303/11 40.00 7/74	321/1 40 00 8/01	316/4 40 00 7/11	326/2 39 98 8/1
VIII. Mining (e)	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	303/3 40 00 7/7	300/10 40 00 7/6‡	40 00	40 00			301/7 39.69 7/74
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	317/1 40 00 7/111	309/9 40 00 7/9	40 00	40 00	40 00		306/3 40 00 7/8
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	297/1 40 00 7/5	$\begin{array}{c} 275/10 \\ 40.00 \\ 6/103 \end{array}$		40 00	40 00		
XI. Shipping, &c. $(d)(e)$	Weekly Wage	310/6	311/9	307/8	309/4	309/8	310/9	310/1
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c. (f)	Weekly Wage				••			
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	283/4 40.00 7/1			40.00	40.00	40.00	40 0
XIV. Miscellaneous \ldots $\Big\{$	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	295/7 40 00 7/4 ³ / ₄		40.00	40.00	286/11 40 00 7/2	40 00	40 0
All Groups (g)	Weekly Wage	312/1	1 299/	5 286/	284/10	0 306/2	306/7	302/
All Groups except XI. and $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text{XII.}(b) \end{array}\right.$	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	303/5 39 99 7/7	39 98	8 40 0	0 40 0	0 39.5	1 40 00	294/10 39.9 7/4

⁽a) The figures of nominal wages and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wages and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (d) Average rates of wages are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Definite particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (f) Not available. (g) For March, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage and index number have been calculated by applying, to the December, 1955 "All Groups" average weekly wage, the percentage movement as shown by the average weekly wage for "All Groups excluding XI. and XII." from December, 1955 to March, 1956.

WAGES-ADULT FEMALES-AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st MARCH, 1956. (a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	202/7 40 00 5/03	203/3 40.00 5/1	40 00	199/11 40 00 5/0		199/8 40 00 5/0	200/2 40.00 5/0
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. {	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	196/3 40 00 4/11	196/9 40 00 4/11		40.00	201/4 40.00 5/0½	$199/5$ $40 00$ $4/11\frac{3}{4}$	197/6 40.00 4/11
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	212/9 40 00 5/33	203/4 40.00 5/1		207/11 40.00 5/2‡	40.00	201/6 40 00 5/0½	206/3 40.00 5/2
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	198/8 40.00 4/11½	$\begin{array}{c} 207/11 \\ 40 \ 00 \\ 5/2\frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	40 00	196/10 40 00 4/11		201/0 40 00 5/0‡	196/4 40 00 4/11
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	228/0 40 00 5/8½	243/9 40.00 6/11	40 00	40.00	::		227/2 40.00 5/81
A ll Groups (b)	Weekly Wage Working Hours Hourly Wage	$\begin{array}{r} 205/11 \\ 40 \ 00 \\ 5/1\frac{3}{4} \end{array}$	207/11 40 00 5/2½		40 00	194/0 40 00 4/10}	200/0 40 00 5/0	204/1 40.00 5/14

⁽a) See note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average.

WAGES-WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX NUMBERS.(a)

		Date.			N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
					ADULT M.	ALES-RA	res of Wa	GE.			
31st	December,	1939	::		8. d. 56 2 96 7	8. d. 54 7 93 6	8. d. 53 5 97 5	8. d. 54 5 88 11	8. d. 62 10 100 6	8. d. 52 8 89 5	8. d. 55 7 95 8
99	"	1952 1953			284 8 296 8	274 5 282 6	267 9 273 10	274 6 278 9	284 7	276 2 296 11	278 2 287 7
99	,,	1954	• • •		298 4	284 3	278 7	282 2	293 3	299 2	287 7
"	",	1955			310 1	396 7	284 11	284 9	304 9	302 7	300 (
22	March,	1956(312 11	299 5	286 7	284 10	306 2	306 7	302 4
	A	DULT	MALES	-INDE	K NUMBE	RS.—(BAS)	E: 518. 31). (b) IN 1	1911 = 1	,000.)	
31st	December,				1,096	1.065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,088
19	,,	1939			1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1.962	1.745	1,858
99.	11	1952			5,555	5,354	5,224	5,356	5,553	5,388	5,42
19	"	1953			5,788	5,513	5,342	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,61
29	25	1954			5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
,,	March,	1955	٠)		6,051	5.787 5,843	5.559 5,591	5,555 5,557	5,946 5,973	5,905 5,982	5.85
19	maich,	1990(,	••		10 49600 00			0,975	0,904	5,900
				AI	ULT FEM	ALES: RA	TES OF W	AGE.			
R1 et	December,	1914			9. d. 26 10	8. d. 27 9	8 d. 27 1	8. d. 24 1	8. d. 37 4	8. d. 25 10	8. d. 27 5
11	becomber,	1939			53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
99	"	1952			193 11	196 2	184 4	195 8	186 0	191 2	193
,,	"	1953			198 5	200 10	188 7	199 6	190 5	196 4	197 11
,,	,,	1954			198 9	200 2	190 0	199 5	190 5	196 7	197 11
"		1955			205 3	206 9	192 10	199 11	193 7	197 11	203
10	March,	1956			205 11	207 11	192 11	199 11	194 0	200 0	204 1
	ADULT	FEMA	LES-1	NDEX 1	UMBERS.	-(BASE-	278. 2P	b) IN AP	RIL, 1914	= 1,000.)
1st	December,				987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,000
9.	17	1939			1,960	1.906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
12	29	1952			7,138	7,220	6,784	7,202	6,846	7,037	7,120
"	"	1953			7,302	7,392	6,940	7,342	7,007	7,226	7.285
"	"	1954			7,314	7,367	6,994	7,339	7,007	7.236	7.28
,,	35	1955			7.554	7.608	7,098	7.358	7.125	7.284	7.488
22	March,	1956			7,580	7,654	7,099	7,358	7,141	7,361	7,519

⁽a) See note (a) on previous page. (b) Weighted average. (c) See note (g) on previous page.

BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES FOR ADULT MALES UNDER AWARDS OF COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (4)

Date Ope	erative.	Sydn	ey.	Me bour		Brisb	ane.	Adela	ide.	Per	th	Hobs	art.	Siz Capit	
		8.	d.	8.	d.	8,	d.	8.	d.	8.	d.	8.	d.	8.	d.
September,	1939	81	0	81	0	76	0	78	0	77	0	77	0	79	0
November,		99	0	98	0	93	0	93	0	94	0	94	0	96	0
December.	1946	108	0	106	0	101	0	102	0	102	0	103	0	105	0
November.	1947	112	0	109	0	105	0	106	0	106	0	107	0	109	0
19	1948	122	0	120	0	115	0	116	0	116	0	118	0	119	0
"	1949	132	0	130	0	125	0	126	0	129	0	128	0	129	0
	1950	146	0	143	0	135	0	137	0	139	0	139	0	142	0
December.	1950	165	0	162	0	154	0	158	0	160	0	160	0	162	0
November.	1951	207	0	199	0	185	0	195	0	197	0	199	0	200	0
May,	1952	223	0	212	0	207	0	211	0	214	0	214	0	216	0
August.	1952	235	0	224	0	213	0	224	0	222	0	222	0	227	0
November,	1952	237	0	228	0	216	0	229	0	228	0	230	0	231	0
February,	1953	238	0	229	0	215	0	225	0	229	0	232	0	231	0
May.	1953	241	0	232	0	217	0	228	0	231	0	239	0	234	0
August.	1953(b)	243	0	235	0	218	0	231	0	236	0	242	0	236	0

⁽a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay period commencing in months shown. (b) By decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, announced on 12th September, 1953, automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations occurring in retail price index numbers was discontinued in Commonwealth awards.

NOTE.—Since December, 1950, the female basic wage has been 75 per cent. of corresponding male rate; previously it had ranged between 54 per cent. and 75 per cent.

STATE BASIC WAGES-WEEKLY RATES.

	No	vember	, 19	55		February, 1956.						
State.	Date of Operation.	Males		Female	es.	Date of Operation.	Mal	es.	Fema	les.		
		8. d.		8. d.			8.	d.	8.	d		
New South Wales(b)— Metropolitan and Country, excluding Broken Hill Broken Hill Victoria(c)	Nov., 1955 Nov., 1955 Nov., 1955	253 254 246	0 0 0	189 190 184	6 6	Feb., 1956 Feb., 1956 Feb., 1956	255 256 251	0 0 0	191 192 188	0 0 0		
Queensland(d)— Southern Division (Eastern District), including Brisbane	24.10.55	229	0	154	0	24.10.55	229	0	154	0		
Southern Division (Western District)	24.10.55 24.10.55	236 234	4	157 156	8 9	24.10.55 24.10.55	236 234	4 6	157 156	8 9		
Northern Division (Eastern District)	24 10 . 55	239	0	159	0	24.10.55	239	0	159	0		
Northern Division (Western District)	24.10 55 Aug., 1953	246 231	4 0	162 173	8	24.10.55 Aug., 1953	246 231	4 0	162 173	8		
Western Australia(f)— Metropolitan Area South-West Land Division	2 11.55 2 11.55	252 251	5 8	164 163	1 7	31.1.56 31.1.56	253 253	8 11	164 165	0		
Goldfield and other areas Tasmania (g)	2.11 55 Aug., 1953	254 242	1 0	165 181	2 6	31.1.56 Feb., 1956	255 259	11 0	166	3		

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 12th September, 1953 (following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration) until the first pay period in November, 1955 when it was reintroduced by an amendment to the Industrial Arbitration (Basic Wage and Standard Hours) Act assented to on 4th November, 1955. (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (d) The Queensland Industrial Court each quarter announces the variation, if any, in the basic wage, after conside ing movements in the "C" Series Retail Price Index numbers. (e) The "living wage" declared for the met opolitan a ea is also adopted in count y a eas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is gene ally payable. The "living wage" is subject to qua te ly va lation according to the amount of the gene al automatic qua terly adjustment (now discontinued) in the Commonwealth basic wage for Adelaide. (f) The Western Aust alian Court of Arbitration each quarter announces the va lation, if any, in the basic wage, after conside ing movements in the cost of living statements prepared by the Government Statistician. (g) None decla ed, but Commonwealth basic wage (Hobart) is commonly adopted by Wages Boards. Commencing first pay period February, 1956. Wages Boards reintroduced automatic quarte ly adjustments has don't been discontinued by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in September, 1953.

Section XI.—Prices.

THE INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

For a description of the structure and scope of the Interim Index and a comparison with that of the "C" Series, see 1953 Labour Report, pages 8-11.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of each Index: Year 1952-53=100.)

Note.—The index numbers hereunder are designed to measure aggregate variations in retail prices of specified groups of items for specified cities individually. They measure variations from time to time and not differences in price level as between cities nor comparative costs of groups of items.

	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year		19	55.		1956.
City.	ended June, 1951.	ended June, 1952.	ended June, 1953.	June, 1954.	ended June, 1955.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
			G	ROUP I	-F00D.				,	
Sydney Melbourne Brishane Adelaide Perth Hobart	66.1 69.2 69.2 69.2 69.3 66.4	89.9 89.1 90.1 90.5 87.0 86.8	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	102 4 104.6 104.1 103.5 106.3 107.7	103.6 104.3 104.2 106.2 109.5 106.8	104.6 104.8 105.2 106.5 109.0 107.3	105.1 106.2 106.0 108.2 111.2 108.7	106.5 110.1 106.8 109.2 109.6 110.5	107.2 111.5 105.6 109.7 109.8 113.4	109.1 112.6 108.7 110.1 112.0 114.7
Six Capitals(a)	67.9	89.4	100.0	103.7	104.6	105.3	106.4	108.2	109.0	110.6
		GROT	UP II.—	CLOTHING	AND D	RAPERY.				
Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth Hobart	78.6 77.6 78.7 77.0 78.8 78.9	93.6 93.4 94.6 93.9 95.5 94.7	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	101.7 101.3 101.7 102.2 100.9 102.6	102.3 102.2 102.9 102.9 101.6 103.1	102.2 102.2 102.8 103.1 101.7 103.3	102.8 103.6 103.8 103.9 102.7 103.7	103.0 103.8 103.5 102.8 102.7 103.9	103.1 103.9 103.2 103.3 103.1 104.4	102.8 104.0 103.1 103.1 103.0 104.5
Six Capitals(a)	78.1	93.8	100.0	101.6	102.4	102.4	103.3	103.3	103.4	103.3
	Gi	ROUP III	.—RENT	(b) (4 A)	ND 5 Ro	OMED H	ouses.)			
Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth Hobart	86.6 99.4 93.7 82.8 82.1 85.1	87.7 99.6 97.7 86.0 94.4 91.4	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	107.7 100.8 102.9 102.7 110.8 108.8	109.5 102.3 105.2 105.6 149.6 109.4	109 6 102.3 105.5 105.0 149.5 109.5	109.7 102.3 105.7 109.3 153.1 109.5	110.6 102.7 106.4 112.1 154.9 109.5	111.1 102.9 106.4 113.6 157.0 110.3	111.7 120.7 107.3 116.1 160.4 139.4
Six Capitals(a)	90.3	92.6	100.0	105.0	109.6	109.7	110.5	111.4	112.0	118.8
			GROUP	IV.—OT	HER ITE	MS.(c)				
Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth Hobart	78.3 73.5 78.5 76.9 74.6 72.7	93.6 88.7 92.7 90.2 89.6 89.0	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	100.5 100.9 103.0 99.3 100.8 108.2	100.9 101.3 104.5 99.9 101.9 105.1	100 6 101.3 104.8 99 4 101 6 105.0	100.9 101.8 104.9 101.7 103.3 105.5	101.5 102.9 106.0 102.7 104.5 108.9	103.2 110.1 109.6 102.7 105.1 109.0	103.6 110.7 110.0 102.8 106.2 109.9
Six Capitals(a)	76.3	91.3	100.0	100.9	101.4	101.2	101.9	102.8	106.2	106.7
				ALL G	ROUPS.					
Sydney Melbourne Brishane Adelaide Perth Hobart	74.6 75.2 76.4 74.7 74.5 73.1	91.7 91.0 92.7 90.9 90.7 89.9	100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0	102.2 102.4 103.0 102.0 103.9 106.6	103.1 102.7 104.0 103.6 109.6 105.6	103.4 102.9 104.5 103.5 109.3 105.8	103.8 104.0 105.1 105.4 111.2 106.6	104.6 105.8 105.6 106.0 111.1 108.2	105.4 108.3 106.0 106.4 111.6 109.6	106.2 110.4 107.3 106.8 113.1 113.0
Six Capitals(a)	74.9	91.4	100.0	102.5	103.6	103.8	104.7	105.7	107.0	108.3

⁽a) Weighted Average. (b) See note (b) on page 107. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licence, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

NOTE.—The retail price index numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capital Cities are made equal to 1,000.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

Note.—The index numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of food and groceries, rent, &c., since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

					1953.	1954.	1955.		1956.			
CITY.		1938.	1951.	1952.				Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
		Gı	ROUP	I. Foo	D AND	Groc	ERIES.					
Sydney		904	2,099	2,654	2,711	2,721	2,871	2,804	2,835	2,907	2,936	2,986
Melbourne		884	2,088	2,509	2,684		2,854		2,769			
Brisbane		838	1,823	2,328	2,413				2,518			
Adelaide		861	1,931	2,380	2,444	2,525	2,657	2,595	2,642	2,677	2,712	2,700
Perth		899	1,963	2,359	2,608	2,802	2,868	2,819	2,905	2,870	2,878	2,93
Hobart				2,487					2,874			
Six Capitals (a)		886	2,041	2,526	2,641	2,671	2,811	2,730	2,770	2,854	2,891	2,926
	GRO	UP II.	-REI	NT (b)-	-4 AN	5 R	OMED	Hous	ES.			
Sydney					1,276							
Melbourne		935	980		988				1,006			
Brishane		841	934						1,024			
Adelaide		868	949	1,055	1,155	1,174	1,247	1,190	1,239	1,271	1,288	1,31
Perth		872	1,065	1,185	1,205	1,602	1,843	1,795	1,837	1,858	1,880	1,920
Hobart		913	1,048	1,079	1,249	1,271	1,275	1,272	1,272	1,272	1,282	1,619
Six Capitals (a)		942	1,009	1,057	1,138	1,192	1,226	1,213	1,222	1,232	1,238	1,310
			GRO	OUP II	I.—Cl	OTHING	3.					
Sydney		833	2,806	3,116	3,273							
Melbourne					3,201				3,230			
Brisbane		823	2,690	3,016	3,103	3,120	3,141	3,133	3,150	3,143	3,136	3,12
Adelaide		857	2,736	3,108	3,235	3,218	3,237	3,234	3,254	3,223	3,238	3,23
Perth		823	2,759	3,123	3,185	3,188	3,221	3,211	3,230	3,214	3,229	3,22
Hobart		848	2,752	3,089	3,212	3,238	3,261	3,243	3,262	3,262	3,278	3,278
Six Capitals (a)		829	2,749	3,096	3,223	3,218	3,237	3,218	3,240	3,243	3,248	3,24
			Groui	PIV.	-Misce	LLANE	ous.					
Sydney		936	1,711	1,980	2,041	2,048	2,037	2,014	2,031	2,040	2,064	2,07
Melbourne		982	1,668	1,949	2,090	2,090	2,129	2,079	2,105	2,118	2,214	2,22
Brisbane					1,928							
Adelaide		1.023	1,710	2,025	2,098	2,103	2.145	2,103	2,156	2,161	2,160	2.16
Perth					2,039							
Hobart					2,137							
Six Capitals (a)		961	1,679	1,958	2,053	2,062	2,081	2,046	2,070	2,081	2,128	2,13
			7	ГОТАL	ALL C	ROUPS						
Sydney					2,368							
Melbourne		896	1.880	2.170	2.285	2,288	2,365	2,302	2,329	2,392	2,436	2.48
Brisbane		852	1,760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,195	2,206	2,221	2,223	2,26
Adelaide		888	1.833	2,159	2.246	2,277	2,354	2,310	2,352	2,366	2,386	2.38
Perth					2,295							
Hobart					2,399							
Ci- Conit-1- (-)		907	1 999	9 106	2,302	9 296	9 202	9 340	2 375	2.411	9 495	9 40
Six Capitals (a)		001	1,000	4,190	2,000	2,020	-,000	-,010	2000	2,111	4,400	4,40

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

	1939.		198	55			Per- centage increase			
State and Town.	August	Month.			Mar.	Month.			Mar.	from August 1939, to Mar.,
		Jan.	. Feb.	Mar.	Qtr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Qtr.	1956.
NEW SOUTH WALES-										1.09
NEW SOUTH WALES— Sydney Newcastle Broken Hill	926	2,766	2,779	2,868	2,804	2,972	2,983	3,003	2,986	224.3
Newcastle	960	2,844	2,872	2,930	2,882	3,030	3,058	3,060	3,049	218.8
Broken Hill	1,069	2,988 2,915	3,004 2,936	3,013 2,950	3,002	3,151	3,131	3,090	3,124	189.1
	991 939	2,915	2,960	2,950	2,934 2,953	3,128 3,133	3,119 3,137	3,130 3,126	3,126 3,132	215.8
FIVE TOWNS (a)	932	2,779	2,793	2,877	2,816	2,983	2,994	3.011	2,996	223.1
VICTORIA—						,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	7,	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-,	
Melbourne	931	2,696	2,725	2,754	2,725	3,015	3,011	2,981	3,002	220.2
Ballarat	939	2,715	2,746	2,778	2,746	3,014	2,996	3,075	3,028	227.8
Ballarat	915	2,699	2,704	2,744	2.716	2,988	3,038	3,060	3,029	234.4
	942	2,695	2,706	2,743	2,715	2,973	2,986	3,027	2,995	221.3
Warrnambool	952	2,820	2,834	2,863	2,839	3,070	3,039	3,051	3,053	220.5
FIVE TOWNS (a)	932	2,698	2,725	2,755	2,726	3,013	3,010	2,989	3,004	220.7
Brisbane	855	2,473	2,521	2,512	2,502	2,603	2,651	2,631	2.628	207.7
Toowoomba	812	2,521 2,546	2,581	2,613	2,572	2,652	2,715	2,712	2.693	234.0
Rockhampton	893 948	2,683	2,607 2,743	2,018	2,590 2,712	2,667 2,772	2,677 2,838	2,688 2,791	2,677 2,800	201.0
Bundaberg	948	2,576	2,613	2,628	2,606	2,663	2,711	2,711	2,695	194.4
FIVE TOWNS (a)	862	2,499	2,549	2,543	2,530	2,624	2,671	2,654	2,650	207.9
SOUTH AUSTRALIA-										
Adelaide	882	2,580	2,591	2,615	2,595	2,703	2,714	2.683	2,700	204.2
Kadina. Moonta, Wallaroo	980	2,642	2,657	2,678	2,659	2.714 2,747	2.730	2,704	2,716	175.9
Port Pirie	1,001	2,685	2,696	2,717	2,699	2,747	2,765 2,753	2,735 2,759	2,749	173.2
Mount Gambier	930	2,625	2,636	2,638	2,633	2,767	2,753	2,759	2,760	196.
Peterborough	983	2,632	2,649	2,664	2,648	2,758	2,773	2,758	2,763	180.6
FIVE TOWNS (a)	891	2,586	2,598	2,622	2,602	2,707	2,718	2,687	2,704	201.6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA-										10.20
Perth and Fremantle Kalgoorlie and Boulder	947	2,809	2,803 2,978	2,844 2,993	2,819 2,981	2,921	2,933	2,956	2,937	212.1
Northam	0.04	2,877	2,886	2,892	2,885	3,075 2,914	3,078 2,932	3,088 2,951	3,080 2,932	180 200.8
Bunbury	981 975	2,858	2,867	2,873	2,866	2,965	2,979	2,996	2,980	207.8
Geraldton	958	2,887	2,897	2,905	2,896	2,977	2,990	3,000	2,989	213.2
Five Towns (a)	960	2,825	2,821	2,857	2,834	2,934	2,946	2,968	2,949	209.5
TASMANIA-										
	914	2,844	2,832	2,811	2,829	3,111	3,082	3,035	3,076	232.
Launceston	905	2,730	2,747	2,735	2,737	2,980	2,944	2,936	2,953	224.
Burnie	942	2,752 2,735	2,775	2,783	2,770	3,014	3,015	2,987	3,005	217.
Devonport Queenstown	930	2,735	2,751 2,942	2,771 2,946	2,752 2,940	2,998 3,219	3,012 3,199	3,006 3,167	3,005 3,195	223.
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	2,803	2,804	2,789	2,799	3,065	3,038	3,006	3,036	227.8
THIRTY TOWNS (a)	922	2,709	2,729	2,774	2,737	2,925	2,935	2,931	2,930	217.9
SIX CAPITALS (a)	918	2,701	2,720	2,769	2,730	2,922	2,931	2,925	2,926	218.0
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b)	948	2,935	2,958	2,965	2,953	3,172	3,169	3,157	3,166	233.0
Warwick $(Q_{\cdot})(b)$	851	2,566	2,605	2,625	2,599	2,670	2.698	2,712	2.693	218.
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b)	994	2,673	2,671	2,688	2,677	2,753	2,796	2,756	2,768	177.
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	(c)	2,746	2,761	2,781	2,763	2,847	2,845	2,806	2,833	(c)
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b)	1,046	2,974	2,998	3,024	2,999	3,218	3,211	3,196	3,208	205.

⁽a) Weighted average. (b) Not included in weighted averages above. (c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index Numbers—Food, Groceries, Rent, (4 and 5 Roomed Houses), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.				1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.		1956.			
		1938.	1951.					Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES-												
Sydney		913	1,933	2.265	2,368	2,382	2,439	2,405	2,423	2,455	2.471	2,490
Newcastle		877	1,901	2,209	2,295	2,324	2,395	2.358	2,388	2,409	2.425	2,444
Broken Hill		940	1.997	2,344	2,411	2.421	2,453	2.421	2,439	2,464	2.487	2,489
Goulburn		893	1,921	2,232	2,302	2.327	2.422	2.373	2,398	2,445	2.472	2.504
Bathurst		860	1,882	2,219	2,364	2,382	2,441	2,412	2,424	2,455	2.474	2,482
FIVE TOWNS (a)		911	1,931	2,262	2,362	2,378	2,435	2,401	2,420	2,451	2,468	2,487
VICTORIA-												
Melbourne		896	1,889	2,170	2,285	2.288	2,365	2,302	2,329	2,392	2,436	2,481
Ballarat		850	1,857	2,147	2,265	2,272	2.340	2,276	2,310	2,365	2.408	2,437
Bendigo		854	1,826 1,871	2,139	2,261 2,263	2,266 2,268	2,339 2,341	2,280	2,310 2,319	2,359	2.406	2,451
Geelong Warrnambool		884 892	1,886	2,154 2,205	2,323	2,345	2,407	2,275 2,356	2,319	2,363 2,419	2.407 2,472	2.451 2,481
FIVE TOWNS (a)		893	1.877	2,168	2,283	2,286	2,363	2,300	2,328	2,389	2,433	2,478
QUEENSLAND-							0.046	0.105				
Brisbane		852	1.760	2,063	2,135	2,170	2,211	2,195	2,206	2,221	2.223	2,260
Toowoomba		843	1.773	2,083	2,160	2,191	2,247	2,227	2,247	2,251	2.262	2,295
Rockhampton Townsville		853 902	1.785	2,091 2,148	2.166 2.243	2,206 2,284	2,253 2,333	2,326	2,251 2,330	2.259 2.325	2,263 2,351	2,296 2,388
Bundaberg	::	831	1,754	2,056	2,118	2,157	2,202	2,188	2,330	2,202	2.216	2,366
FIVE TOWNS (a)		854	1,767	2,072	2,145	2,181	2,225	2,209	2,220	2,233	2,237	2,274
SOUTH AUSTRALIA-												
Adelaide .		888	1.833	2.159	2,246	2.277	2.354	2.310	2,352	2,366	2.388	2,388
Kadina, &c.		786	1,742	2.077	2,162	2,201	2,255	2,229	2,257	2,261	2.274	2,262
Port Pirie		868	1,811	2,135	2,210	2,251	2,309	2,310 2,229 2,281	2,306	2.312	2.336	2,322
Mount Gambier		849	1,863	2,145	2,226	2,267	2,314	2,282	2,311	2,329	2.332	2,342
Peterborough		868	1,808	2.129	2,199	2,255	2,330	2,297	2,330	2,345	2,347	2,345
FIVE TOWNS (a)		883	1,829	2,155	2,241	2,274	2,348	2,305	2,347	2,360	2,379	2,381
WESTERN AUSTRALIA-	-							0.514				
Perth, &c.		882	1.860	2,170	2,295	2,459	2,554	2,514 2,452	2,569	2.561	2.573	2,605
Kalgoorlie, &c.		1,048	1,940	2.262	2,361	2,426	2,493	2,481	2,497	2.502	2.519 2.516	2,515
		900	1,870 1.870	2,186 2,195	2,315 2,314	2,417 2,447	2,568 2,569	2,519	2,523 2.586	2.511 2.581	2.589	2,521 2,588
	::	957	1,956	2,193	2,421	2,577	2,702	2,643	2,690	2,702	2.771	2,763
FIVE TOWNS (a)		897	1,868	2,180	2,303	2,458	2,552	2,512	2,565	2,559	2.573	2,599
TASMANIA-												
Hobart		887	1,861	2,180	2,309	2,406	2,458	2,415	2,438	2,467	2.511	2,598
Launceston.		872	1.857	2,154	2,359	2.364	2,400	2,364	2,378	2.404	2.453	2,582
		865	1,810	2,120	2.:09	2,316	2,373	2,326	2,344	2.382	2 439	2,472
Devonport		848	1.793	2,093	2,285	2,295	2,339	2,294	2,313	2.349	2 399	2,438
Queenstown		875	1,808	2,119	2,308	2,321	2,380	2,330	2,355	2,391	2.445	2,439
FIVE TOWNS (a)		879	1,852	2,163	2,375	2,381	2,428	2,387	2,407	2,436	2.483	2,575
THIRTY TOWNS (a)		894	1,880	2,193	2,299	2,323	2,389	2,346	2,372	2,406	2.431	2,460
SIX CAPITALS (a)		897	1,883	2,196	2,302	2,326	2,393	2,349	2,375	2.411	2.435	2,465
Warwick (Q)(b)		800	1.751	2,063	2,140	2,178	2,218	2,207	2,213	2.223	2 229	2,256
Port Augu-ta (S.A.) (b)		863	1,823	2,141	2,204	2,235	2,300	2,263	2,209	2.312	2.324	2,323
		(c)	1.848	2.166	2.274	2.313	2,367	2,342 2,397	2,369	2.374 2,519	2.382 2.552	2,378 2,572
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b)		966	1.931	2,247	2.328	2,353	2,472		: ,420			

⁽a) Weighted average.

⁽b) Not included in weighted averages above. (c) Not available.

THE "C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The "C" Series Retail Price Index and its Group Index Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of each Group: Weighted Average of Six (apital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)(a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series. Index.
Year—					
1914(c)	 641	649	754	749	687
1919(c)	 1,026	768	1,238	1,036	1.022
1924	 969	988	1,003	1,004	987
1925	 998	1,008	991	992	997
1926	 1,023	1,026	986	998	1,011
1927	 1,000	1,030	975	1,008	1,002
1928	 985	1,066	997	1,010	1,009
1929	 1,044	1,073	996	1,007	1,033
1930	 941	1,047	951	999	975
1931	 826	901	853	973	873
1932	 796	817	804	9.58	830
1933	 751	804	787	950	804
1934	 783	810	785	914	817
1935	 806	839	783	946	832
1936	 825	879	792	947	850
1937	 851	912	811	960	873
1938	 886	942	829	961	897
1939	 927	965	841	962	920
1940	 939	973	956	998	9.57
1941	 947	976	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942	 1,031	976	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	 1,037	975	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944 1945	 1,026	976	1,435	1,165	1,126
1940	 1,034	975	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	 1,036	976	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947	 1,100	977	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948	 1,256	979	1,744	1,257	1,295
1070	 1,394	982	1,997	1,338	1,415
1950	 1,566	987	2,286	1,435	1,560
1951	 2,041	1,009	2,749	1,679	1,883
1952	 2.526	1,057	3,096	1.958	2.196
1953	 2,641	1,138	3,223	2.053	2 302
1954	 2.671	1,192	3,218	2.062	2.326
1955	 2,811	1,226	3,237	2,081	2,393
uarter—				24.53	
1955—March	 2,730	1,213	3,218	2,046	2,3/9
June	 2,770	1,222	3,240	2,070	2,375
Septem'er	 2.854	1,232	3,243	2.081	2,411
De ember	 2,891	1,238	3,248	2,123	2,435
1956—March	 2,926	1,310	3,243	2,137	2,465

⁽a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1.000. (b) Rent.—The rent index numbers shown in the table above and elsewhere in this publication measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Rentals of new tenanted houses completed lines the end of the war are not taken into account. (c) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.

			SYDNEY.		N	EWCASTL	E.	BR	OKEN HI	LL.	G	OULBURN	٧.	1	BATHURST	r.
Item.	Unit.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Bread(b) Flour, ordinary , self-raising Tea Sugar Rice Seed Taploca Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried Peaches, canned Pears, canned Potatoes Onions, brown Soap Kerosene	2 lb. "lb. "lb. "lg lb. 2 lb. lb. "lg lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "lb. "	d. 13.80 13.19 20.00 84.65 9.00 12.00 13.00 80.25 19.05 11.00 25.50 63.00 11.90 64.00 11.90 18.20 8.25	d. 13.80 13.36 20.00 84.65 9.00 13.75 30.60 19.05 11.00 30.30 25.50 63.00 40.60 40.60 65.60 10.70 18.20 8.25	d. 13.80 13.36 20.00 83.65 9.00 12.00 13.80 30.90 19.05 11.00 30.30 25.50 63.00 40.90 43.55 66.90 10.20 18.20 8.25	d. 14.00 12.63 20.71 86.00 9.96 12.67 13.60 30.50 20.79 11.25 31.00 24.38 56.00 39.14 42.36 65.50 11.17 18.45 8.25	d. 14 00 12 38 20 71 86 .00 9 .96 .00 30 .86 20 .79 11 .25 30 .80 56 .00 39 .79 42 71 74 .57 9 .80 18 .42 8 .28	d. 14.00 12.63 20.71 83.86 9.98 12.75 13.90 81.00 20.79 11.25 30.80 58.50 59.93 42.71 69.83 9.20 18.42 8.28	d. 16.50 11.80 87.50 10.87.50 10.50 13.00 14.50 22.10 10.50 30.00 23.00 55.50 39.10 40.10 71.50 10.88 20.20 9.83	d. 16.50 11.80 18.90 87.50 10.50 13.00 14.50 22.10 10.50 29.60 23.00 65.50 30.90 40.50 65.90 9.17 20.20 9.83	d. 16.50 11.80 18.90 83.40 10.50 13.00 14.50 28.80 21.70 10.50 29.60 23.00 57.17 40.20 40.80 52.90 9.38 20.20 9.88	d. 15.00 13.20 21.60 86.50 10.00 14.75 81.88 21.50 12.25 75 60 00 38 20 42 40 13 25 19.67 9.65	d. 15.00 12.80 21.60 86.50 10.00 13.00 14.75 31.50 21.50 21.50 60.00 88.90 42.40 71.40 13.00 19.65	d. 15.00 12.80 21.60 84.50 10.00 13.00 14.75 31.50 11.75 21.50 11.75 31.70 25.75 60.00 40.10 43.80 72.80 11.25 19.67	d. 15.00 12.50 21.20 86.10 9.75 12.80 14.60 31.10 20.70 11.75 32.00 24.67 60.00 39.90 42.60 072.10 12.75 19.40 9.75	d. 15.00 21.250 21.20 86.10 9.75 12.60 14.60 81.40 20.70 11.75 32.00 24.67 60.00 39.90 42.60 73.90 10.75 19.40 9.80	d. 0. 15.00 12.50 21.20 84.50 9.75 12.60 14.60 31.50 20.70 11.75 32.00 40.10 42.80 67.60 .00 9.80
Dairy Produce— Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed , fresh(b) loose	lb. doz. lb. tin quart	53.10 36.69 69.00 77.33 23.30	53.10 36 69 69 00 76 67 23.30	53.10 37.13 75.00 76.67 23.30	53.50 36.25 69.00 70.50 23.50 21.00	53.50 36.75 69.00 72.14 23.50 21.00	53.50 36.75 75.00 75.07 23.50 21.00	55.40 38.00 59.20 71.00 25.40 16.00	55.40 38.00 64.00 71.00 25.40 16.00	55.40 38.00 68.20 72.00 25.40 16.00	54.00 36.50 69.00 72.00 24.50 21.50	54.00 36.50 69.00 72.75 24.50 21.50	54.00 36.75 75.00 72.75 24.50 21.50	53.30 37.38 69.00 72.75 24.60	53.30 37.75 69.00 73.50 24.60	53.30 37.75 75.00 75.00 24.60
bottles	,,	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00				23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Meat—		Marc	h Quarter	, 1956.	March	n Quarter	, 1956.	March	Quarter	, 1956.	March	Quarter	, 1956.	March	Quarter 45.75	, 1956.
Beef, sirloin	lb.		44.10			47.38			44.14			45.27				
,, rib (without bone) ,, steak, rump ,, chuck ,, sausages	;; ;; ;;		34.57 56.83 29.95 20.67			36.28 58.29 30.52 23.14			32.48 57.43 34.04 22.00			35.47 59.67 31.60 21.93			36.75 58.50 31.50 22.00	
Beef (corned) silver- side yilver-	"		36.52 25.18 24.12 15.93 24.83 25.15 26.90 57.25 56.78			38.14 25.95 26.88 15.38 24.24 24.90 26.38 57.86 57.43			39 29 32 24 29 14 19 14 34 57 36 29 35 43 57 43 58 29			37.20 29.80 26.33 18.11 27.67 27.67 27.67 52.50 51.00 52.50			37.50 30.25 27.00 17.25 30.00 30.00 51.08 52.11 53.72	

⁽a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.

Item.	Unit.	M	FLBOURN	ē.	F	ALLARAT.			Bendigo			GEELONG		W	RRNAMBO	OOL.
		Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.— Bread(b) Flour, ordinary , self-raising Tea Sugar Rice Seed Tiploca Jam, pum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Ralsins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried Peaches, canned Pears, canned Pitatoes Onions, brown Soap Kerosene	2 lb. "" 1b. "" 1½ lb. 2 lb. 1b. "" 30 oz. 7 lb. lb. "" quart	d. 15.00 11.05 18.95 85.35 9.00 11.80 13.75 27.15 18.95 9.00 27.78 24.17 56.33 33.45 34.80 61.25 12.75 18.04 8.24	d, 00 11.05 18.95 85.30 9.00 11.80 13.83 27.15 18.95 9.00 27.78 24.25 33.34 06.85 17.58 56.20 04.8.22	d. 15.00 11.05 18.95 83 25 9.00 11.80 13.83 27 20 18.95 8 83 27 78 24 25 56 29 34 50 35 90 18 04 8.21	d. 15.50 11.20 20.00 86.70 9.48 12.50 14.20 27.40 20.20 11.38 80 23.75 54.00 34.00 35.20 56.70 12.25 18.63 8.98	d. 15.50 11.40 20.00 86.70 9.48 12.50 14.20 20.20 11.25 5.54 00.23 75.40 36.00 9.18 86.8 8.98	d. 15.50 11.40 20.00 84.70 9.48 12.50 14.20 27.40 20.20 11.25 28.60 23.75 54.00 34.30 36.00 8.00 8.8 63 8.98	d. 00 16.00 11.50 19.75 86.08 9.64 12.58 13.75 26.00 21.25 11.10 29.08 24.45 58.00 33.17 35.00 69.25 12.08 18.62 8.88	d. 16.00 11.50 19.58 86.08 9.64 12.58 13.75 26.40 21.25 11.00 29.50 24.45 55.66 734 42.25 83.9 83.86 86.88	d. 16.00 11.50 19.58 84.42 9.64 412.42 13.75 27.00 21.25 11.00 29.50 66.67 35.00 35.83 9.33 18.62 8.98	d. 15.50 11.25 19.50 85.88 9.19 12.00 13.25 27.50 19.50 9.25 28.75 25.22 56.50 33.13 34.63 9.83 17.97 8.47	d. 15.50 11.25 19.50 85.88 9.19 12.00 13.25 27.50 19.50 9.25 28.75 28.75 25.22 60.00 33.63 35.25 55.13 7.88 17.97 8.47	d. 15.50 11.25 19.50 83.88 9.19 12.00 13.88 9.19 38.9.00 28.75 25.22 60.00 34.38 35.88 55.75 7.88 17.97 8.47	d. 16.50 11.40 20.90 87.80 9.70 13.90 14.20 28.80 0.21.70 11.50 36.90 36.90 38.60 57.00 10.00 19.24 9.55	d. 16.50 11.40 20.90 87.80 9.70 13.90 14.40 28.80 21.70 11.50 30.40 25.63 37.50 39.30 48.40 8.80 19.24 9.55	d. 16.50 11.40 20.90 85.80 9.80 14.70 21.70 11.50 30.40 25.63 37.50 39.80 19.24 80.01 19.2
Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed , fresh(b loose , , , , (b) in	lb. doz. lb. tin quart	53 30 36 63 68 00 78 08 22 40 17 00	53 30 36 63 68 00 79 25 22 40 17.00	53 30 36 63 68 00 79 92 22 40 17.00	54 00 38 83 68 00 77 40 23 60	54.00 38.83 68.00 77.40 23.60	54 00 38 83 68 00 78 00 23.60	52 33 37 33 68 00 76 00 23 08 17.00	52.08 39.00 68.00 76.25 23.00 17.00	52.08 39.75 68.00 76.25 23.00 17.00	53.75 37.13 68.00 77.75 22.25 17.00	53.75 37.13 68.00 77.75 22.25 17.00	53.75 37.13 68.00 77.75 22.25 17.00	54.00 36.67 68.20 79.20 23.70 16.50	54.00 37 67 68.20 79 20 23 70 16.50	54.00 37.67 68.20 79.20 23.70 16.50
bottles	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Meat—		March	Quarter,	1956.	March	a Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.
Beef, sirloin , rib (without	lb.		41.29			40.00			39.86			38.53			39.00	
bone) ,, steak, rump ,, chuck ,, sausages Beef (corned) silver-	?? ?? ?? ??		41.13 57 80 34 90 21.52			39 45 54 84 35 67 22 67			40.86 55.19 34.00 22.76			40.42 55.80 34.07 21.73			40.47 51.00 34.20 22.80	
side brisket Mutton, leg forequarter loin	99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99 99		41 . 20 29 . 83 26 . 29 16 . 45 26 . 45 26 . 24 28 . 19 60 . 92 61 . 52 60 . 87			39 89 30 67 29 00 16 28 26 11 29 00 29 22 56 00 56 83 57.17			39.38 32 00 26.87 17.67 25.73 27.53 26.80 54.40 58.60			42.07 32.00 27.33 16.27 27.27 28.13 27.80 59.13 60.07 60.87			39.40 30.60 30.00 19.93 30.00 31.20 31.20 52.00 53.00 55.50	

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956

*****	YY-14	В	RISBANE.		To	OOWOOMBA	۸.	Ro	OKHAMPT	ON.	To	OWNSAIFT	E.	В	UNDABER	G.
Item.	Unit.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.— Bread(b) Flour, ordinary Flour, ordinary Floar Graphics Gra	2 lb. 11 lb. 12 lb. 13 lb. 13 lb. 15 lb. 17 lb. 18 lb. 18 lb. 19 lb. 10 lb. 10 lb. 11 lb. 11 lb. 12 lb. 13 lb. 14 lb. 15 lb. 16 lb. 17 lb. 18 lb.	d. 13.50 9.40 17.55 82.60 8.95 12.00 12.30 26.90 17.45 22.00 51.50 37.00 38.50 64.10 11.10	d. 13 50 9 40 17.55 82.60 8.95 12.00 12.25 26.90 17.45 11.17 26.05 22.00 51.50 37.00 38.50 77.25 10.70	d. 13.50 9.45 17.55 79.85 8.95 12.00 12.55 26.90 17.45 11.17 25.90 22.00 55.00 37.35 38.90 71.30 9.85 18.00 8.37	d. 13.50 9.43 19.36 82.71 9.39 12.36 13.17 28.57 19.21 11.50 27.33 23.50 52.50 37.57 39.21 55.86 9.93 18.33 9.08	d. 13 50 9 36 19 57 82 50 9 38 12 36 13 17 28 43 19 21 11 50 52 50 52 50 10 36 18 24 9 08	d. 13.50 9.36 19.57 82.07 9.39 12.36 13.17 28.43 19.21 11.50 27.33 23.50 57.00 37.57 39.21 67.14 10.36 18.24 9.08	d. 14.50 11.17 19.83 83.50 9.29 12.92 13.50 29.17 9.83 13.00 25.00 26.67 23.50 25.20 20.38 08.39.75 72.54 12.17 17.94	d. 14.50 11.17.20.17.20.17.83.67.9.29.17.19.75.13.00.26.83.23.50.52.90.77.99.25.74.58.11.50.17.80.17.80.10.71.80.10.71.80.11.50.11.50.11.50.10.71.80.10.71.80.11.50.11.50.11.50.10.71.80.11.50.1	d. 14.50 11.29 20.29 83.29 9.21 12.93 13.64 29.29 19.93 13.00 27.00 27.00 28.50 54.00 88.14 40.07 76.21 11.57 17.95 10.68	d. 15 00 12 10 20 70 85 20 10 40 13 00 14 30 29 25 22 20 10 65 22 3 60 52 63 88 00 89 00 66 20 18 20 9 27	d. 00 12 10 20 70 85 20 10 40 13 00 14 30 29 25 22 20 10 65 28 17 23 60 52 63 38 00 39 00 87 00 18 20 9 27	d. 15 00 11 90 20 70 84 60 10 40 13 70 29 25 22 20 10 65 28 50 52 00 38 00 39 00 73 30 12 80 18 20 9 27	d. 14.00 10.10.10 20.00 84.40 8.95 12.80 14.00 28.80 18.00 12.91 29.10 23.67 52.17 38.10 64.20 12.00 18.00 11.0.60 10.60 10.60 10.60 10.60	d. 00 10 10 20 .00 84 .40 8 .95 5 12 .80 18 .00 12 .91 29 .50 23 .83 52 17 .40 11 .80 18 .06 10 .60 10 .60	d. 00 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
Kerosene Dairy Produce— Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, ra-hers Milk, condensed , fre-h(h loose	doz. lb. tin	8.37 52.40 33.80 60.90 65.60 23.15 15.00	8.37 52.40 33.80 64.10 67.05 23.15 15.00	52.40 33.80 67.40 67.60 23.15 15.00	51.79 34.14 42.00 61.93 23.71 15.00	51.64 34.14 51.60 62 43 23.71 15.00	51.64 34.14 61.25 62.43 23.71 15.00	52 07 35 58 64 67 63 42 23 83 15.00	52 07 35 58 68 17 63 92 23 83 15 00	52 07 35.79 72.14 64.21 23 93 15.00	54.40 40.30 69.00 60.63 23.90 17.00	54.40 39.70 70.00 60.63 23.90 17.00	54.40 39 70 73 00 59 88 23 90 17.00	52 20 35 70 59 80 63 30 24 00 15 00	52 40 35 70 63 60 63 40 24 00 15 00	52.40 35.50 66.60 63.40 24.10 15.00
bottles	"	16.00 March	16.00 Quarter	16.00	16.00 March	16.00 Quarter,	16.00	16.00 March	16.00 Quarter	16.00	18.00 March	18.00 Quarter	18.00	16.00 March	16.00 Quarter,	16.00
Meat— Beef, sirloin	lb.	area or	32.14	10001		35.26			30.00			31.00			33.00	
,, rib (without bone) steak, rump ,, chuck sausages	23 23 27		26.55 39.74 19.96 18.80			29 .44 42 60 22 62 20 .00			25 00 37.00 21.00 19.57			25.00 37.00 20.00 20.00			27.00 41.00 21.00 20.00	
Beef (corned) silver- side Mutton, leg , forequarter , loin , chops, loin , loin , chops , loin , chops , loin , chops	27 27 27 27 27 27 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 29		28.74 20.96 22.34 12.98 19.84 22.34 22.34 50.27 49.10 49.07			32.59 23.62 26.02 15.02 22.45 25.02 24.02 47.43 46.00 46.00			28.00 22.00 24.00 14.00 19.52 22.95 22.00 41.72 41.72 41.72			27 00 20.00 26.00 16.40 22.25 25.00 24.60 51.60 48.75 47.40			30.00 22.00 25.00 16.00 20.80 24.00 24.00 40.40 37.40 39.80	

⁽a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

Item.	Unit.	1	ADELAIDE			KADINA.		P	ORT PIRI	E.	Mot	INT GAME	BIER.	PE'	TERBOROU	GH.
10011.	O III O	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.— Bread(b) Flour, ordinary , self-raising Tea Sugar Rice Seed Tuploca Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried Peaches, canned Pears, canned Potatoes Onions, brown Soap Kerosene	2 lb. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11. 11.	d. 14 00 9.50 15.95 84.00 9.00 12.00 12.50 12.7 45 18.50 10.75 28.50 24.40 53.00 53.00 53.00 18.33 7.76	d. 14 00 9 50 15 95 84 00 9 00 12 50 27 45 18 50 9 00 28 50 24 40 52 50 38 55 38 65 48 88 10 40 18 33 7 76	d. 14.00 9.50 15.95 80.00 9.00 12.00 12.00 12.775 18.50 9.00 28.50 24.38 57.38 39.25 38.95 38.91 9.10	d. 16.00 9.64 17.50 84.57 9.46 12.64 12.93 28.08 19.93 11.25 29.36 24.79 55.38 39.86 39.93 54.17 12.80 19.00 8.29	d. 16.00 9.64 17.50 84.57 9.46 12.64 12.92 28.08 19.93 9.42 29.29 24.79 55.25 540.43 40.50 11.09 19.00 8.29	d. 16.00 9.64 17.50 80.57 9.46 12.71 13.00 23.08 19.93 9.42 29.29 24.86 56.25 40.93 41.00 44.50 9.00 19.00 19.00 8.30	d. 15 50 9.98 17 86 84.93 9.50 12.93 13.83 28.64 20.00 12.00 25.33 52.83 40.50 40.79 53.14 9.70 18.57	d. 15.50 9.86 17.86 17.86 84.93 9.50 12.93 13.83 10.00 25.33 52.83 40.50 40.79 52.43 8.92 18.57 8.75	d. 15.50 9.86 17.86 80.93 9.50 12.93 13.83 28.64 19.93 10.00 25.33 56.50 40.86 41.29 42.21 8.64 18.57 8.75	d. 15.50 9.63 17.00 85.50 10.00 85.50 13.40 13.70 29.40 30.10 25.75 59.00 38.10 38.60 54.83 9.67 18.47 8.79	d. 15.50 9.63 17.00 85.50 10.00 13.40 13.70 29.40 20.50 9.83 30.10 25.38 55.00 38.63 38.63 50.17 8.88 8.89	d. 15.50 9.62 17.00 81.50 10.00 81.50 10.00 13.40 13.70 29.40 20.50 9.83 0.10 25.38 56.33 38.10 38.60 47.83 9.00 18.80 8.79	d. 15.50 10.25 18.25 85.00 9.50 13.00 9.50 12.28 25.50 22.53 25.63 41.25 41.38 56.75 9.50 19.25 8.78	d. 15.50 10.25 18.25 18.25 18.25 85.00 9.50 13.00 13.83 28.50 20.50 10.28 29.63 25.33 56.50 41.25 41.38 54.00 8.25 19.25 8.78	d. 15.50 10.25 18.25 18.25 18.25 81.00 9.50 13.00 12.83 28.50 20.50 10.28 29.63 25.33 56.00 41.25 41.38 43.75 8.58 8.78
Dairy Produce— Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed , fresh(b) loose , , (b) in	lb. doz. lb. tin quart	53.00 34.06 52.15 67.75 23.35 16.50	53.00 34.06 58.45 67.75 23.35 16.50	53.00 24.06 61.50 70 85 23 35 16.50	53.79 34.64 38.43 68.83 24.07 18.00	53.79 34 64 45 57 68 83 24 07 18.00	53 79 34 93 48.00 70.29 24.07 18.00	54.00 35 33 38 60 69 50 24.14	54.00 35 33 46 25 69 67 24.14	54.00 35.75 48.00 73.00 24.14	53.00 34.13 43.00 69.30 24.20 16.00	53.00 34.13 47.75 69.30 24.20 16.00	53 00 34.13 51 00 70 60 24 20 16.00	53 00 35 38 38 25 70 00 24 38 17.50	53 00 35 38 45 75 70 00 24 38 17 50	53.00 35.38 48.00 70.75 24.38 17.50
bottles	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00				19.00	19.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	16.00			
Mest-		March	Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.
Beef, sirloin ,, rib (without	lb.		29.40			27.14			28.79			30.33			29.50	
bone)))))))))		32.40 48.10 27.27 16.88			30.19 46.29 26.43 16.48		10 11	32.36 47.57 28.00 17.14			34.07 49.40 28.00 18.40			33.50 48.50 28.83 17.50	
side in brisket Mutton, leg prorequarter loin chops, loin prork, leg pork, leg chops loin chops chops chops	97 27 29 29 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20		34.93 28 27 24.48 13 29 23 59 24.30 24 89 57 71 57.91 58.22			83.57 26.91 22.91 12.52 22.67 23.38 23.38 42.95 42.95 43.38			34.43 27.57 23.76 13.43 23.76 24.91 24.96 45.83 43.67 48.00			35.07 27.67 23.67 12.40 24.40 25.13 24.87 47.60 49.27 51.27			35.67 28.50 23.67 12.38 23.50 24.00 24.17 46.50 44.50 47.50	

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Item.	Unit.		PERTH		K	ALGOORLI	E.	N	TORTHAM		I	BUNBURY.		G	ERALDTON	7.
Item.	CHIU.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March
Bread(b) Flour, ordinary Flour, ordinary Flour, self-raising Tea Sugar Rice Seed Tupioca Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried Pearles, canned Pearles, canned Potatoes Onions, brown	2 lb. "" lb. "" 1	d. 14 50 13 70 19 55 86 80 9 00 11 65 15 33 31 80 19 85 11 14 30 30 23 25 61 50 39 80 39 85 31 .00 8 .13	d. 14 50 13 70 19 40 9 .00 11 65 15 50 31 90 19 85 11 .14 30 .30 23 .5 61 60 8 25 19 30	d. 14.50 13.70 19.20 84.00 9.00 11.65 15.75 81.90 19.85 10.79 80.30 23.50 60.50 89.85 42.06 8.00 19.30	d. (c)14 .50 15 .50 22 .75 92 .08 10 .08 34 .92 23 .42 16 .00 32 .63 26 .92 46 .83 33 .08 8 .67 20 .67	d. (c)14,50 15,50 22.67 92.08 10 08 14,00 17.83 34.92 23.42 16.00 32.63 26.92 61.17 45.42 46.83 33.17 8.33 20.67	d. (c)1 ¹ ,50 15,50 22,75 90,08 10,08 14,00 17,83 34,92 23,42 16,00 32,63 26,92 61,88 45,58 47,00 33,17 8,53 20,67	d. 15 00 13 50 20 88 86 00 9 56 11 63 17 50 33 13 21 13 12 00 31 33 23 38 63 00 38 63 39 00 33 25 9 88 19 92	d. 15.00 13.50 20.88 86.00 9.56 11.63 17.50 33.75 21.13 12.00 31.33 23.63 63.00 38.63 39.75 33.25 9.63	d. 15.00 13.50 20.88 85.25 9.56 11.63 17.50 33.63 21.13 12.00 31.33 23.63 61.00 39.00 40.25 33.25 9.38 19.92	d. 15.00 13.70 20.80 90.60 9.68 13.00 16.00 21.90 12.67 33.00 24.70 62.00 43.10 44.90 30.80 9.67 9.67 9.67 9.68	d. 15.00 13.70 20.80 90.60 9.68 13.00 16.00 33.60 21.90 24.70 62.00 43.10 44.90 30.80 8.75 19.66	d. 15.00 13.70 20.80 88.60 9.68 13.00 16.00 21.90 11.67 23.00 24.50 62.00 43.10 44.90 31.00 8.75 19.66	d. 15.00 14.00 22.70 92.00 9.94 13.40 17.25 35.00 22.90 16.00 31.70 27.13 64.00 44.70 9.30 9	d. 15.00 14.00 22.60 92.00 9.94 13.40 17.38 35.00 22.90 16.00 31.70 27.00 64.00 44.70 46.20 9.20	d. 15.00 14.00 22.56 90.00 9.94 13.44 17.38 35.00 22.99 16.00 31.66 27.13 64.00 44.55 46.29 33.00 8.86
Soap Kerosene Dairy Produce— Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed , fresh(b) loose	lb. doz. lb. tin quart	19.30 13.05 52.90 42.00 60.00 67.50 22.45 17.00	19 30 13.05 52.90 42.25 63.90 67.39 22.35 17.00	13.05 52.90 42.25 66.90 71.67 22.25 17.00	16.11 56.00 44.50 62.50 70.50 25.17 22.17	16.11 56.00 44.50 65.50 70.50 25.17 22.17	56.00 44.70 68.83 74.50 25.25 22.17	19 92 14.64 51.25 42.63 60.25 66.67 23.25 18.00	13 52 14.64 51.25 42.63 64 50 70.50 23.00 18.00	19.32 14.64 51.25 42.63 67.00 7:17 22.75 18.00	14.77 54.00 42.40 60.00 68.30 24.10 16.00	14.77 54.00 42.80 63.80 68.30 24.10 16.00	14.77 54.00 42.80 67.00 73.75 23.90 16.00	15 .84 56 .00 44 .10 60 .00 70 .20 25 .50 20 .00	15.84 56.00 44.70 64.00 70.20 25.50 20.00	15.8 56.0 44.9 67.0 75.0 25.5 20.0
bottles	,,	18.00	18.00	18.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	24.00	24.00	24.0
		March	n Quarter	,1956.	Marc	h Quarter	, 1956.	March	Quarter	, 1956.	March	n Quarter	, 1956.	March	n Quarter	, 1956.
Meat— Beef, sirloin	lb.		39.55			36.29			38.00			40.80			38.67	
nib (without bone) steak, rump , chuck , sausages	>> >> >> >>		40.78 55.67 35.07 21.97			39.86 54.00 35.57 24.00			38 33 54.67 36.00 24.67			41 25 54.00 38.00 25.00			39.00 48.00 35.67 22.00	
", (corned) silver- side "brisket Mutton, leg brisket Mutton, leg brisket "forequarter "loin "chops, loin "leg Pork, leg "leg "loin	27 27 27 27		38.90 30.53 31.40 19.17 30.97 30.97 58.31 58.38			36 . 29 30 . 00 29 . 57 20 . 29 29 . 14 29 . 57 48 . 86 48 . 86			39.00 32.00 29.33 18.44 26.89 27.11 27.56 53.33 51.33			39.87 32.00 33.00 19.47 28.07 28.67 28.67 49.60 50.93			37.67 33.11 29.00 18.11 24.45 24.45 27.03 49.33 49.33	

⁽a) In some cases the averages shown are price relatives.

⁽b) Delivered.

⁽c) Not delivered.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES(a) RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED: QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1956.

Item.	Unit.		HOBART.		L	AUNCESTO	N.		BURNIE.		D	EVONPOR	T.	Qt	JEENSTOW	W.
Itom.	Omb.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.
Groceries, &c.— Bread(b) Flour, ordinary Tea Sugar Rice Seed Tapioca Jam, plum Golden syrup Oats, flaked Raisins, seeded Currants Apricots, dried Peaches, canned Pears, canned Potatoes Onions, brown Soap Kerosene Butter, factory Cheese, mild Eggs, new laid	2 lb. " lb. " 1½ lb. 2 lb. lb. " 30 oz. 7 lb. lb. " quart lb. doz.	d. 14.50 11.90 19.00 90.45 9.00 12.00 12.00 12.00 15.05 11.13 31.05 27.00 39.20 43.80 79.00 18.13 13.33 13.33	d. 15.00 11.90 19.00 90.45 9.00 12.00 16.80 20.95 11.13 30.70 27.00 39.30 43.80 00.19.25 18.33 13.33	d. 15.00 11.90 21.00 88.45 9.00 12.00 16.80 20.95 11.13 30.70 27.13 59.00 11.50 11.50 11.33 13.33 13.33	d. 14.50 11.58 19.08 90.33 9.00 11.83 14.83 28.17 20.67 11.33 30.00 25.50 54.00 39.10 41.50 67.70 15.55 18.33 12.11	d. 15.00 11.58 19.08 19.08 90.33 9.00 11.83 15.50 28.17 20.67 11.33 30.00 25.50 54.00 39.10 41.50 46.33 13.00 18.83 12.11 53.33 38.79	d. 15.00 11.58 20.42 88.33 9.15.50 28.75 20.67 71.17 30.00 41.50 45.17 12.25 18.33 12.11 53.17 38.79 71.63	d. 15.00 12.80 20.50 90.50 9.00 12.00 17.60 28.60 21.00 27.83 58.00 29.90 42.90 59.50 19.25 18.33 14.11 55.00 88.79 71.50	d. 15.50 12.80 20.50 90.50 90.50 9.90 12.00 17.60 31.70 21.00 31.10 27.83 59.67 39.80 44.00 55.30 48.31 4.11 55.00 38.79 71.90	d. 15.50 12.80 21.50 88.50 9.00 12.00 17.60 31.70 21.00 12.00 27.75 39.80 45.00 45.00 18.20 18.33 14.11	d. 15.0 12.60 19.40 90.30 9.05 12.00 16.30 28.80 21.00 11.50 31.80 26.00 61.00 39.10 41.40 18.80 19.00 19.00 19.00 19.00 18.80	d. 15.50 12.60 19.50 90.40 9.055 12.00 16.30 29.70 21.00 11.50 27.00 62.00 39.10 41.40 18.25 18.40 18.39 54.20 38.64 71.50	d. 15.50 12.70 20.70 88.50 9.05 12.00 16.30 29.70 21.00 11.50 31.20 27.00 40.00 41.40 50.60 18.40 13.95 54.20 88.50 71.50	d. 15.00 13.00 20.50 91.00 92.55 12.50 17.25 30.67 22.00 67 22.00 65 33 00 67 46 00 65 33 21.00 18.67 12.75 54.00 39.23 71.83	d. 15.50 13.00 20.50 91.00 9.25 12.50 17.50 31.17 22.00 32.80 40.67 47.67 56.83 19.64 18.67 12.75 54.00 39.23 73.50	d. 15.50 18.00 18.00 21.17 89.00 9.25 12.50 17.67 33.50 22.00 22.00 40.67 49.33 50.43 4.40 18.67 54.00 39.23 78.50
Bacon, rashers Milk, condensed ,, fresh(b) loose ,, (b) in	lb. tin quart	72 90 23 50 19.00	72 90 23 50 19.00	72 90 23 50 19 00	72 33 23 50 19.00	72 33 23.50 19.00	72 33 23 50 19.00	71.40 23.50 18.50	71.40 23.50 18.50	71.40 23 50 18.50	71.40 23 60 18.50	71.40 23 60 18.50	73 40 23 60 18.50	73.00 24.00	73.00 24.00	73.00 24.00
bottles	"	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.50				27.00	27.00	27.00
Meat—		Marc	ch Quarte	r, 1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.	Marc.	h Quarter	, 1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.	March	Quarter,	1956.
Beef, sirloin	lb.		41.23			39.00			40.00			38.87			40.67	
bone) steak, rump ,, chuck ,, sausages (corned) silver-	" " " " " "		40.50 58.60 35.03 23.20			38.29 55.86 35.43 22.00			39.75 54.00 34.50 23.00			38.47 52.20 34.00 23.55			40.67 56.00 36.67 23.67	
side side y, brisket Mutton, leg y forequarter loin y, chops, loin y, leg Pork, leg loin y, chops))))))))))))))))))))))))))		41.87 31.50 29.25 14.92 23.13 23.55 27.88 55.67 55.37			39.81 28.90 28.28 15.56 23.83 23.95 26.39 50.14 50.14 50.86			40.00 31.50 28.00 15.50 23.50 23.50 25.00 45.00 45.00			39.47 30.60 28.32 16.01 28.93 28.29 30.16 44.00 45.00 44.40			41.67 34.00 29.00 20.67 26.00 26.00 26.00 54.00 53.00	

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WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally produced building materials and one or two minor commodities however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

			Bas	sic Mater	ials.			Food-	Basi	c Materia Foodstuff	als and
Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chemi- cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Total.	stuffs and To- bacco.	Goods princi- pally In- ported. (a)	Goods prin i- pa y Home Pre- duced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1939-40	105	115	104	107	116	108	109	101	111	103	105
1940-41	107	137	111	124	126	128	122	107	133	106	114
1941-42 1942-43 1943-44 1944-45	117 129 131 131 130	151 167 170 168 156	118 147 150 152 152	137 142 143 143 142	135 138 140 140 140	135 163 174 175 177	133 149 153 152 149	117 128 129 131 135	153 176 182 182 178	112 121 122 123 126	124 137 140 141 141
1946-47	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951 - 52	343	220	577	314	298	379	321	281	288	305	300
1952 - 53	392	231	607	350	224	401	350	294	292	331	320
1953 - 54	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954 - 55	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
January	384	223	564	327	190	365	331	305	271	336	317
February	384	221	546	317	187	365	328	306	269	336	316
March	389	222	545	317	183	365	330	304	269	335	316
April	390	217	553	316	186	359	328	306	266	337	316
May	390	217	563	316	184	359	329	306	266	338	316
June	384	218	569	316	182	358	327	308	267	337	316
July	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October November December	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	305	277	331	315
	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January	39 t	215	501	315	237	365	329	305	279	331	316
February	395	215	505	315	257	373	332	313	281	338	322
March	396	214	507	315	264	381	334	319	282	344	326
April	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	314	283	341	324
May	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	318	283	341	326
June	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	324	287	3 8	330
July August September	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	331	281	357	334
	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	329	282	354	333
	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	329	290	352	334
October	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	325	289	350	332
November .	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	331	291	355	336
December .	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	326	291	352	334
January February March	405 405 405	216 216 230	453 453 446	317 317 317	325 323	407 408 425	343 343 350	(b) 327 (b) 318 (b) 332	(b) 288 (b) 288 (b) 299	(b) 354 (b) 347 (b) 357	(b) 334 (b) 329 (b) 340

⁽a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (b) Preliminary.

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FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual indexes shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the indexes therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The indexes for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The indexes shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary indexes for 1954-55 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

	Year.	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products other than Wool.
1936-37		114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38		 98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39		 88	87	105	92	79	96
1945-46		 174	133	159	157	118	169
1946-47		 194	182	157	185	187	185
1947-48		 267	263	183	247	301	230
1948-49		 234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50		 272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51		 291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52		 355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53		 364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54		 323	534	395	428	621	364
1954 - 55(a)	 325	495	371	406	540	362

(a) Preliminary estimate.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per commodity. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity.

RECENT TRENDS.

Reference to the group indexes shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 45.63 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups Index. For purposes of comparison the combined effect of price movements in these other components is shown separately in the column "All Groups excluding Wool".

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

											Al	l Group	4.
Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter	Metals.	Meats.	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tal- low.	Hides.	Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Gold.	Ex- clud- ing Wool.	Total All Groups
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate	45.63 49.05		11.36 12.21 20.89	7.34	6.63 7.13 12.20	2.40 2.58 4.42	1.81 1.94 3.32	0.64 0.69 1.18	0.66 0.72 1.22	6.98	100.00	100.00	100.00
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	122 99 79	111	92 107 101	120 96 84	98 106 96	104 92 104	103	122 100 78	100	99 98 103	116 102 82	105	102
1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 1953-54 1954-55	287 365 473 999 564 616 615 538	413 400 432 436 445 411	193 233 250 271 291 313 325 313	478 421 689 811 504 450	263 314	343 369 410 464 501	162 176 226 302 297 287	436 499 400 356 451 358 321 349	421 479 752 486 369 336		348 399 690 495 505 496	305 308 365 397 371 356	332 383 654 473 483 474
1953-54 April May June	(i) 596 618 622	372		474		461	281	364 369 359	281	178	492	346	470
1954-55— July August September	(i) 622 566 566	358	313	475	340	448	262		254	178	461	338	442
October November December	536 518 532	358	313	518	340	468	3 261	350	204	179	439	343	3 421
January February March	520 528 528	356	313	522	346	430	267	350	200	178	3 446	3 342	427
April May June	520 520 508	354	318	3 520	332	434	1 268		216	178	3 44	1 340	422
1955-56— July August September	(i) 503 453 433	3 351	313	3 538	365	468	8 266	341	1 234	1 178	3 41	1 34	7 395
October November December	43° 43° 45°	7 323	364	549	388	3 45	1 284	360	8 22	7 178	8 40	7 35	2 391
January February March	460 490 450	0 311	328	3 599	(j)331	1 44	1 289	36	4 24	0 17	8 (j)41	1 (j)34	

⁽a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, lexias, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets or price has been used in the index. (f) For All Groups (Total)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) For All Groups (excluding Wool)—applicable trom 1936-37. (j) Preliminary.

Note.—The index numbers above indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the Export Price Index (Changing Weights), published in the Monthly Review of Business Statistics. In computing this index, the "quantity-multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate.

Section XII.-Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1911 = 1,000.)(a)

						Retail Pri	ice Index	Numbers.			
		Period.			Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses).	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Retail Price Index.	Nominal Wage Rates, Adult Males.	Real Wage Rates. (c)
Year—											
1911					1,000	1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1,000	(d)1.000	1,000	1,000
1914 1921					1,144	1,082	1.140 1.883	1,140	1,140	1,081	948
1928					1.902 1,761	1,410 1,743	1,507	1,537 1,537	1,680 1,675	1,826 1,963	1,172
1932		::	::		1,425	1,336	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190
1938					1,584	1,540	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209
1939					1,657	1,577	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,210
1946					1,852	1,596	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263
1947					1,967	1,597	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,598	1,318
1948 1949					2,245	1.601	2,637 3,019	1,913	2,148 2,349	2,914	1,357
1950	::				2,492 2,800	1,605 1,613	3,455	2.037 2.184	2,589	3,210 3,596	1,367 1,389
1951 1952					3,649	1,649	4.156 4.657	2,555	3,124	4,495	1,439
1953			::		4,516 4,723	1,728 1,861	4,872	2,980 3,126	3,645 3,820	5,241 5,539	1,438 1,450
1954					4.776	1.949	4.865	3.139	3.860	5,632	1.459
1955					5,027	2,005	4,894	3,168	3,970	5,773	1,454
Quarter—											
		1939.									
September					1,645	1,582	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220
December		1948.			1,657	1,584	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210
December					2,378	1,602	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371
March		1949.			0.100		2.795		0.000	0.000	1 000
June					2,433 2,482	1,603 1,604	2,795	1,985 2,017	2,263 2,328	3,099 3,182	1,369 1,367
September				::	2,497	1,604	3,089	2.047	2,370	3,249	1,371
December					2,555	1,608	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360
March		1950.			0.000	1 000	0.050	2 4 0 4	0.151	0.000	1 000
June		••			2,633 2,718	1,609 1,611	3,259 3,418	2,134 2,151	2,474 2,546	3,372 3,458	1,363 1,358
September	• •		::	::	2,828	1,614	3.501	2,131	2,609	3,545	1,359
December					3,020	1,618	3,643	2,271	2,726	4,009	1,471
March		1951.			0.004	1 0 1 1	0.700	0.004	0.010	4.740	1 455
June					3,201 3,443	1,641 1,646	3,760 4,151	2,381 2,498	2,843 3,042	4,142	1,457 1,442
September			**		3,819	1,651	4.283	2,611	3,224	4.601	1,427
December					4,133	1,656	4,429	2,731	3,388	4,850	1,432
March		1952.			4.000	1 000	4 500	0.000	0.404	F 000	7 447
June			••		4,298 4,589	1,672 1,702	4,523 4,685	2,783 2,967	3,481 3.661	5,036 5,156	1,447 1,408
September	::	::			4,633	1,750	4,709	3.072	3.714	5.345	1,439
December					4,544	1,789	4,712	3,098	3,722	5,428	1,458
March		1953.			4.500	1 005.	4.000	0.110	0.700	= 440	1 440
June	::				4,599 4,658	1,835 1,857	4,838 4,906	3,118 3,122	3.763 3,805	5,443 5,512	1,446 1,449
September					4.804	1,870	4,880	3,127	3,851	5,591	1,452
December					4,831	1,882	4,863	3,136	3,861	5,611	1,453
March		1954.			4 700	1.000	4 000	0.154	0.001	F 000	1 400
June		::			4,798 4,774	1,900 1,947	4,880 4,856	3,151 3,137	3,861 3,856	5,622 5,624	1,450 1,459
September				::	4,746	1,970	4,853	3,133	3,851	5,623	1,460
December					4,787	1,977	4,870	3,136	3,871	5,658	1,462
March		1955.			1 000	1 000	1 905	9 115	9 000	E 700	1 405
June					4,882 4,952	1.983 1,997	4,865 4,898	3,115 3,151	3,898 3,941	5,720 5,746	1,467 1,457
September	••			::	5.113	2,014	4,903	3,168	4,001	5,774	1,443
December					5,169	2,025	4,910	3.239	4,041	5,853	1,448
March		1956.			5 999	9 149	4,903	9.059	4.000	5 000	1 / 40
MANUEL VIII					5,232	2,142	4,903	3,253	4,090	5,900	1,443

⁽a) The index numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of food and groceries and rent, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See note (b) on page 107. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (d) Taken back from true base November, 1914 = 1,000 by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY-AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in the September, 1953 issue of the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics, pages 112 and 113.

(2) Most of the statistics in this summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

Item.	Year ended 30th June—									
	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.		
DEMOGRAPHY(a)—					0.000					
Population(b) \[\begin{aligned} \cdot 000 \text{ Males} \\ \cdot 000 \text{ Females} \end{aligned} \]	1,737 1,504	2,005	2,382 2,192	2,799 2,712	3,333 3,220	3,599 3,545	4,311 4,217	4,598 4,492		
'000 Persons	3,241 26.9	3,825	4,574	5,511	6,553 -10.1	7,144 5.2	8,528 111.4	9,090		
Net Oversea Migration '000 '000	26.9	28	39	47	39	75	77	71		
Marriages Rate(c)	7.5	7.3	8.8	8.6	6.0	10.6	9.2	7.9		
Divorces(d) and Judicial Separa- tions	190	399	522	1,502	1,955	3,330	7,327	6,528		
Births $\cdot \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 000 \\ \text{Rate}(c) \end{array} \right.$	110 34.5	103 27.2	122 27.2	136 25.0	119 18.2	135 18.9	193	202 22.5		
Deaths Sate(c)	47	46	48	54	57	71	82	82		
Beauty Rate(c) 000	14.8 12.7	12.2 10.7	10.7	9.9	8.7 5.0	10.0	9.7	9.1		
Infant Deaths { Rate(e)	115.3	103.6	68.5	65.7	42.1	39.7	25.2	22.5		
WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a)— Nominal Weekly Wage Index	(6)	848	1,000	1,826	1,752	1,997	4,495	5,632		
Numbers Real Wage Index Numbers(g)	(f) (f)	(f)	1,000	1,087	1,752	1,194	1,439	1,459		
PRODUCTION— Agricultural(h)—						10.0		40.5		
Wheat $$ $\begin{cases} Area & mill. acs. \\ Yield & mill. bus. \\ Av. Yield & bus. \end{cases}$	3.3 26 7.7	5.1 39 7.5	7.4 72 9.6	9.7 129 13.3	14.7 191 12.9	12.0 167 13.9	10.4 160 15.4	10.7 169 15.8		
Oats Area '000 acs. Yield mill. bus. Av. Yield bus.	246 5.7 23.3	461 9.8 21.2	617 9.6 15.5	733 12.1 16.6 299	1,085 15.2 14.0 342	1,460 22.3 15.3	2,365 34.5 14.6	2,574 32.8 12.8 1 691		
Barley Area '000 acs. Yield mill. bus. Av. Yield bus.	68 1.2 17.3	75 1.5 20.4 295	116 2.1 17.7 340	6.1 20.4 305	6.3 18.4 269	784 18.0 23.0 301	1,118 21.9 19.6 170	29.4 17.4 17.6		
Maize Area '000 acs. Yield mill. bus. Av. Yield bus.	284 9.3 32.6 942	7.0 23.9 1,688	8.9 26.3 2,518	7.8 25.7 2,995	7.1 26.2 2,635	7.4 24.7 2,758	4.0 23.7 1,549	5.1 29.1 1,98		
Hay Area '000 acs. Yield '000 tons Av. Yield tons Area '000 acs.	1,067 1.13 113	2,025 1.20 110	2,868 1.14 130	3,902 1.30 149	3,167 1.20 145	3,575 1.30 99	2,345 1.51 118	2,85 1.4 10		
Potatoes Yield '000 tons Av. Yield tons	380 3.37 45	323 2.94 87	301 2.31 101	388 2.60 128	397 2.74 242	333 3.35 255	509 4.31 282	46 4.3 37		
Sugar-cane a Area(i) '000 acs. Yield '000 tons Av. Yield tons Area '000 acs.	738 16.2 49	1,368 15.7 64	1,682 16.7 61	2,437 19.0 92	4,213 17.4 113	5,154 20.3 130	5,327 18.9 136	10,08 27.		
Vineyards { Area '000 acs. Wine mill. gals.	3.4	5.3	5.0	8.5	14.2	16.0	35.3	24.		
Total Area of Crops mill. acs.	5.4	8.4	12.1	15.4	21.2	20.5	19.7	21.		
Pastoral, Dairying, &c.— (Horses mill.	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.9	0.		
$ Livestock(j) \begin{cases} Cattle & "\\ Sheep & "\\ Pigs & " \end{cases} $	11.1 106 0.9	8.5 72 0.9	11.8 97 1.1	14.4 86 1.0	12.3 111 1.2	13.6 125 1.5	14.9 118 1.0	15 13 1.		
Wool(k) mill.lb.	(a) 634	(a) 539	(a) 798 (a) 95	723 (a) 119	1,007 175	1,167 168	1,080	1,28		
Butter . '000 tons Cheese . , , ,	(a) 19 (a) 4.5	(a) 46 (a) 5.3	(a) 7.1	(a)14.6	14.0	30.1	40.6	45.		
Beef and Veal ,, ,, Mutton and Lamb ,, ,,	}(f)	(f)	(f)	$ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 339 \\ 218 \\ 11.1 \end{array} \right. $	350 307 22.7	534 372 58.1	582 282 35.0	71 38 45		
Pork , , , , Bacon and Ham , , , , Total Meat , , ,	(a) 7.5 (f)	(a)15.2 (f)	(a)23.8 (f)	26.2	31.8 727	42.5 1,027	36.6 949	38.		

⁽a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage, (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price Index Number. (h) Season ending in year shown. (i) Cane cut for crushing. (j) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, as at 31st March thereafter. (k) In terms of greasy. (l) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meats, cured weight, bacon and ham.

Statistical Summary-Australia-continued.

Note. - See headnotes on page 118.

	Year ended 30th June—									
Item.	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955		
PRODUCTION—continued.										
Mineral $(a)(b)$ — Copper (c) . '000 tons Gold (c) . '000 fine oz.	(d) 1,243	(d)	(d)	(d)	13.5	20.9	17.9	1		
Lead(c) '000 tons	1	3,300	2,484	758	595 f 150.8	1,497 289.4	896 212.0			
Zinc(c) ,, Black Coal mill, tons.	$\left.\right\}$ (d) 4.4	(d) 6.9	(d) 10.6	(d) 12.8	{150.8 66.1	232.6	189.2 17.6			
Brown Coal,	4.4	0.9	(e)	0.1	8.4	14.2	7.8			
Forestry— Sawn output of native timber										
mill. sup. ft.	(d)	(a) 452	(a) 605	590	237	914	1,393			
Factories— Number of factories '000 Persons employed	} (f)	(f)	\[\begin{cases} 14.5 \\ 312 \end{cases} \]	18.0 379	21.7	27.0 725	45.8 978			
Salaries and wages paid £m. Net value of production—	100	0	28	68	56	180	612			
Chemicals, &c £m. Industrial metals, &c. ,,	1		1.1	3.2 23.6	7.9 22.8	24.8	63.7			
Textiles, &c ,,	(d)	(d) {	} 7.5	19.2	$\begin{cases} 6.9 \\ 11.1 \end{cases}$	21.0	56.6			
Food, &c.	1	'	11.8	27.2	28.7	23.6 53.2	81.1	} (g)		
Paper, &c ,,)	001	4.2	9.0	9.6	17.1	68.2	100		
Value of plant & machinery	23.3	29.1	47.5 ∫ 31.4	112.5 78.1	111.0	316.5 169.2	1,024.9			
Value of land and buildings ,,	} (d)	(d)	32.5	67.3	106.6	156.3	360.2			
Net Value of production(h)-										
Agriculture £m. Pastoral,	17.0 31.3	23.8 27.2	38.8 52.7	81.9	49.7 43.0	64.0	246.7 400.5			
Dairying ,,	6.0	7.6	16.1	75.1 35.3	22.6	85.4	103.8			
Poultry ,,	1.9	2.0	4.0	9.0	5.7	6.5	31.5			
Total, Rural	0.1 56.3	0.1 60.7	0.1	$0.1 \\ 201.4$	0.1	190.6	783.3			
Tranning	(d)	(d)	(1)	(d)	1.5	5.0	6.7			
Forestry	} 4.4	2.8	3 4.8	9.1	3.9	10.2	37.9			
Mines and Quarries(i)	12.1	22.0	{ 4.8 1.1 23.3	20.0	13.5	33.4	97.2			
Total, Non-rural . ,, Total, Primary . ,,	16.5 72.8	24.8 85.5	29.2	30.5 231.9	20.3	50.4 241.0	147.5 930.8			
Factories	23.3	29.1	47.5	112.5	111.0	316.5	1,024.0			
Total, All Industries ,,	96.1	114.6	188.4	344.4	252.4	557.5	1,954.8)		
Building(j)—										
Permits, New Dwellings & £m.	\ (d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 2.1\\1.5\end{array}\right.$	9.7	32.8 80.4	134.9		
Permits, All Buildings(k) ,,	1,,,	(-)	(-/	(-/	4.6	13.5	116.4	215.1		
OVERSEA TRADE-	(a)	(a)	(a)							
Imports £m. f.o.b. Exports	34	38	61	94	52	174	1,053	844		
Principal Exports(1)—	36	50	79	128	108	169	675	774		
Wool $\begin{cases} \text{mill. lb.}(m) \\ \text{£m. f.o.b.} \end{cases}$ Wheat $\begin{cases} \text{color tons} \\ \text{£m. f.o.b.} \end{cases}$	641	529	734	946	903	938	1,036	1,145		
Wheat '000 tons	258	15 543	26 1,477	2,677	32 3,413	58 598	323 1,685	353 1,691		
£m. f.o.b.	1.9	2.8	9.6	28.6	19.2	4.6	55.3	45 2		
Flour \\ \frac{'000 \text{ short tons}}{\pi m. \text{ f.o.b.}}	0.3	97	176 1.4	360 5.5	611	414	789 33.0	656		
Butter \{\begin{aligned}\text{mill.lb.} \\ \pm \text{m, f.o.b.}\end{aligned}\)	4	35	102	127	202	130	25	140		
Hides and Skins £m. f.o.b.	0.2	1.4	4.6	8.0	10.3	8.1	4.6 17.1	24.6		
Meats,	0.5	2.6	4.3	5.5	6.4	14.1	35.5	63.5		
Fruit(n)		0.2	0.5	3.0	4.8	4.0	19.5	32.5		
Sugar, ,,	5.7	(e) 14.3	(e) 12.0	(e) 3.5	2.5	2.6 9.2	6.9	31.1		
Silver and Lead	1.9	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.9	7.4	28.6	27.2		
Ores and Concentrates,, ,,		(e)	3.7	0.8	0.2	1.3	20.4	14.7		

⁽a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production; i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) Not yet available. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 agures are for years ended previous December. (i) Incomplete. (j) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (l) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Excludes fruit juices.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

Note. -See headnotes on page 118.

	Year ended 30th June—									
Item.	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955.		
OVERSEA TRADE—continued.		(-)	(=)							
Principal Imports— Vegetable foodstuffs,		(a)	(a)							
&c£m.f.o.b. Apparel, &c, ,,)	$\begin{bmatrix} 3.6 \\ 10.9 \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{3.7}{16.2}$	4.0	$\frac{2.6}{15.4}$	$\frac{6.1}{32.7}$	$25.0 \\ 203.6$	35.9 126.8		
Oil, &c	(b)	1 1.2	1.6	31.0 4.7	5.5	16.2	87.5	96.9		
Metals, &c,,	(0)	7.8	$\frac{14.0}{1.4}$	22.8	7.4 0.8	71.8	392.9 35.1	324.1 17.0		
Paper, &c, ,,	}	1.6	2.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	68.8	46.4		
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION—										
Shipping—	(a)	(a)	(a)							
Oversea Vessels, No.	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	4,136	4,505		
Clearances J IIIII. Cons	4.7	6.5	10.0	9.1	11.4	10.8	18.2	20.0		
Oversea Cargo— Discharged mill, tons(c)	,		(b)	2.4	3.0	5.5	14.4	14.3		
Shipped ,, (c)	1		(b)	5.8	6.7	4.2	5.7	7.5		
	(/6)	(1)	9,605	9,782	7,957	9,100	7,524	9.161		
Entrances and Clearances Mill. tons	\((b)	(b)	13.1	12.8	11.1	12.9	15.8	18.7		
Interstate Cargo Shipped mill. tons(c)			(b)	5.5	4.0	10.0	9.0	11.6		
Government Railways—	(d)	(d)	(d)							
Route-miles '000 Passenger-journeys mill.	10.4	12.8 115	16.8 228	23.5	27.0	27.2 475	26.8 501	26.5 517		
Goods and Hyestock Carried										
Train-miles run mill.	9.4 29.7	15.5 38.2	25.5 55.2	31.5 56.1	26.1 63.8	38.9 88.5	44.8 93.4	48.1 95.1		
Tramways and Omnibuses—	20.1	00.2	00.2	00.1	00.0	00.0	00.1			
Passenger-journeys— Trams mill.	1		r 360	569	589	874	686	609		
Omnibuses ,,	} (b)	(b)	{ (b)	(b)	(b)	264	333	347		
Motor vehicles on the register—	1				ſ 420	451	1,032	1,347		
Commercial vehicles ,,	}		(b)	102	36	251	583	650		
Civil Aviation(e)—					0.5	-	41.8	43.5		
Plane-miles flown mill. Passengers carried '000		1::		111	2.5	7.8 152	1,829	1,918		
Passenger-miles mill.					(b)	76	722	766		
Freight car- \ '000 short tons ried \ '000 ton-miles				1 ::	0.1 (b)	1.2	57.5 26.7	78.7		
Postal	(a)	(a)	(a)		(0)	0.0				
Postal matter dealt with (f) mill, articles	242	324	595	702	(g) 871	g 1,100	g 1,485	1,619		
Telegrams and cablegrams mill.	10.0	9.9	13.3	16.8	13.9	26.1	29.8	25.5		
Telephones— Instruments '000	7	29	103	259	485	739	1,301	1,622		
Lines ,,	(b)	25	85	196	364	531	927	1,151		
Calls—Trunk míll. Local ,,	(b) (b)	(b) (b)	(b) (b)	14.0 221	28.9	45.3 664	69.4 968	89.9		
Broadcast Listeners' Licences	(0)	(0)	(0)					Total State		
PUBLIC FINANCE—				(h) 36	369	1,320	1,961	2,051		
Commonwealth-										
Consolidated Revenue Fund— Revenue £m.		(d) 11	(d) 21	64	72	210	1,017	1,06		
Expenditure	1 ::	4	15	64	70	210	1,017	99'		
Net loan fund expenditure(i),,		9	1	5	4	213	32 934	93		
Taxation collections ,, State—		8	16	50	54	180	804	000		
Consolidated Revenue Funds—	(b)	28	41	85	100	152	387	49		
Revenue £m. Expenditure ,,	(b)	29	41	87	121	149	390	496		
Net loan expenditure(i) ,,	(b)	9	16	34	6	8	198	16		
Taxation collections ,, Public Debt(j)—	(b)	3	5	18	33	57	63	8		
Commonwealth £m.			6	354	319	638	1,869	1,92		
State ,,	a155.1 a155.1	213 213	279 285	519 873	789 1,108	911 1,549	1,396 3,265	1,820		
Overseas ,,	(b)	(b)	194	412	522	516	406	43		
In Australia ,,	(b)	(b)	91	461	586	1,033	2,859	3,31		

⁽a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Not available.

(c) Tons weight plus tons measurement.

(d) Year ended 30th June.

(e) Regular internal services.

(f) Letters,

(g) Includes packets.

(h) Year 1923-24.

(i) Loan expenditure on works, services &c.

(j) At 30th June.

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NOTE. - See headnotes on page 118.

	Year ended 30th June—									
Item.	1892.	1902.	1912.	1922.	1932.	1942.	1952.	1955		
PRIVATE FINANCE—										
Commonwealth Note Issue(a) £m. Cheque-paying Banks—	(b)	(b)	8	54	51	103	303	368		
Advances(c) ,,	125 98	94 93	119 150	182 289	261 319	270 387	677	809 1,326		
Deposits(e) Bank clearings(d) ,, Savings bank deposits(e) Life Assurance(d)(f)— Ordinary—	(b) 15	338 31	662 59	1,702 154	1,581 198	2,828 274	12,160 892	13,046		
Policies '000 Sum assured £m. Industrial—) [414 108	484 109	730 181	871 285	1,340 463	2,553 1,212	3,033 1,741		
Policies '000 Sum assured £m.	(b) }	236 5	467 10	973 30	1,550 67	2,780 127	3,843 254	3,827		
Policies '000 Sum assured £m.		650 113	951 119	1,703 211	2,421 352	4,120 590	6,396 1,466	6,860		
SOCIAL STATISTICS— Commonwealth Social Services—							1.0			
Age and Invalid Pensions $\stackrel{\cdot}{\text{Em.}}$ Child Endowment, $\stackrel{\cdot}{\text{Coo}}(g)$			90 2.2	144	256	336	420	50		
Child Endowment, '000(g) Claims in force . £m. Total Commonwealth Health			2.2	5.4	11.1	19.3 488 11.3	59.8 1,205 46.6	1,30 52.		
and Social Services(h) £m.			2.2	6.1 225	11.5 274	30.9 220	137.6 525	189.		
War Pensions $\begin{cases} 000(g) \\ £m. \end{cases}$ Service Pensions $\begin{cases} 000(g) \\ 000(g) \end{cases}$				7.0	7.4	7.5	31.8	(i)44. 2		
State Social Services(k)— Education(d)— Government Schools—						0.6	1.8	(j)		
Schools '000 Staff ,,	6.2 12.6	7.0 14.5	8.0 17.0	9.4 26.1	10.1 33.8	9.5 32.1	7.6 36.7	(l) (l)		
Students Non-Government Schools— Schools '000	561	638	639	819	937	887	1,013	(1)		
Schools '000 Staff , Students Universities(d)(m)—	6.0 125	8.3 149	1.9 7.8 161	1.7 8.8 199	1.8 10.0 221	1.9 11.4 257	1.9 13.3 326			
Number Staff(n)	(b) 1.6	(b) 1.8	5 249 3.4	6 482 8.0	6 703 9.8	8 1,416 13.9	3,082 31.7	3,31 29.		
Public Hospitals— Number	(d) (b)	(d) 285	(d) 355	(d) 404	(d) 513	566	675	(1)		
Nursing ,,	(b) (b) (op) 54	(b) (b) (p) 91	1.1 5.1 134	1.5 6.8 215	3.2 9.3 371	3.9 15.4 595	6.9 24.6 896	(l) (l) (l)		
Police AND PRISONS(d)— Police '000 Prisons '000 Prisoners '000	5.3 (b) (b)	5.8 (b) 4.3	6.4	6.9 91 2.9	8.6 85	9.7	12.3	(l) (l)		
PRICES(d)— "C" Series Retail Price Index	(0)	4.0	1,000	1.680	1.448	3.2 1.673	3.124	3,86		

⁽a) At end of June. (b) Not available. (c) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balances for the December quarter 1891; the remainder are for the June quarter. All Cheque-paying Banks to 1931-32, Private Trading Banks thereafter. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (f) Excludes war and service pensions. (i) Includes service pensions. (j) Included with war pensions (k) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (l) Not yet available. (m) Excludes Australian National University. (n) Includes part-time. (o) Year 1891-92 for Victoria. (p) Adelaide Hospital only included in South Australia.

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